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PRINCIPAL CHIEF CLAUDE COX takes oaths administered by Muscogee Supreme Court Judge Elliot Howe to uphold the highest elected office of the Muscogee Nation.

SECOND CHIEF GEORGE MILLER pledges to uphold the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in a ceremony conducted January 2 at the Tribal Complex Mound.

## Creek Nation Elected Officials Take Oath of Office

By Helen Chalakee

The first Monday of 1984, January 2, brought about inauguration and installation ceremonies across the United States for various political offices. However, none on that day were so important to the destiny of a people as the service conducted at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to re-instate the Principal and Second Chiefs to the most promising era of Creek tribal government.

For the first time, seventeen representatives to the National Council pledged the "Oath of Office" to uphold the Muscogee (Creek) Constitution for the betterment of the Creek people.

The new Council went into immediate session to elect a "Speaker" for the next two year term. Carney Roberts was elected by acclamation for that position. Roberts is the representative for Okfuskee District (Seat A) and has held that council position for the past three years, coming in at mid-term as the result of a special election, then serving a full term and now starting a second term.

Muscogee (Creek) Supreme Court Judge, Elliot Howe,

administered the oaths to the officials, after which Principal Chief Claude Cox gave the "State of the Muscogee Nation" address. Following is the address in its entirety:

### State of the Muscogee Nation

In my report to the Muscogee people one year ago, I urged tribal unity. To hold our place as the most productive tribal government, I stressed effective leadership, competent management, and citizen support.

On October 22, 1983, I was elected to a fourth term as Principal Chief of the Muscogee Nation. Second Chief George Miller has also been re-elected by the people. I view this support as a covenant to provide effective leadership and competent management for this tribal government.

To continue our progress during the next four years, it is important that we use our resources wisely. In recent weeks I have taken positive action to strengthen executive management. Actions have also been taken to reduce costs and streamline administrative systems.

The end result, without a doubt, will mean more efficient services to the Muscogee people.

It is in this spirit that I challenge all branches of government to explore ways to reduce the costs of tribal government. It has long been my policy to commit tribal resources in ways that provide direct services to the Muscogee people. In this manner, our tribal citizens will ultimately benefit from reductions in the cost of our tribal government.

With the expected approval of the plan for tribal funds, we must continue to strive for excellence in our financial activities. I am pleased to report that the Muscogee Nation has once again received the Certificate of Conformance for Financial Reporting. We remain the only tribal government in the nation to receive this award.

Excellence has also been achieved in programs operations. Since contracting the clinics in Okemah, Eufaula, and Sapulpa, the Muscogee Nation has expanded services and made them available to more of our people. The same has been true with our contracting of the Okmulgee Agency of the

Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Indian citizens once again benefit from self-determination.

Tribal programs in the areas of education, housing, health, and nutrition continue to serve as models for other governments.

With improvement in the national economy during 1984, we can expect to pursue new opportunities for economic and community development. Community chartering and local citizen input remain as priorities.

In the next few months, this administration will develop systems to serve tribal members living outside the boundaries of the tribal government. I will be asking the National Council to support the new programs.

There is no doubt that the state of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation continues to be strong. As we learned from tragic events of four years ago, elected officials can withhold needed services from our people. At this point in the history of the Muscogee people, I am confident that, as elected leaders, we will act responsibly to insure a strong government for generations to come.

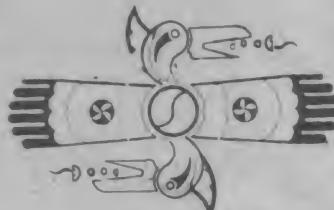


## TO CREEK VOTERS:

Best wishes for a successful tenure to all those who were elected to various offices in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. I wish for effective communications among the officeholders as this will reflect in the services we render our Creek people.

I express my appreciation to all those who voted in the recent primary and run off election. It is this interest and concern which makes for a healthy, self-governing agency. An extra special "thank you" to those who in one way or another were instrumental in my gaining a seat on the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. I hope to give much thought and time to this position, and I am deeply concerned that I shall represent you equally and well.

ELIZA FREEMAN HICKS



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## LETTER TO EDITOR:

I'm trying to find out if there is any connection with the Bemo Church and my Great Grandmother Myrtle Bemo. I read about the Bemo Church in the MNN and my curiosity is getting the best of me. If anyone has any idea about my ancestors, please contact Penny Birdsong Allen, Box 445, Pagosa Springs, Colo. 81147. Also if anyone in Creek Nation can do a family tree, I would be interested.

THANK YOU, PENNY ALLEN

## To Creek and Euchee Citizens:

I want to thank the loyal supporters for their faith and their trust who voted and elected me to the Creek Tribal Council. I will be serving a second term as Tulsa District Representative, a unique opportunity to work with people whom I am well acquainted. There are more needs for the people than just communication. I hope the response from the Creek Nation will be improved for the urban needs. There will be three representatives from Tulsa District to serve the people.

IRENE JACOBS CLEGHORN

## DEAR CREEK CITIZENS:

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our elected officials and to "Thank" the Creek people and voters who voted during the general election. I will again be a candidate in four years, I am and will continue to ask for unity within the tribe. Let's all try to work together for the citizens of the Creek people, again, thanks.

Sincerely, Kenneth L. Childers

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Travis Dave Chalakee

Jim and Jan Chalakee announce the birth of their second son, Travis Dave Chalakee. Born December 3, 1983 at Osteopathic Hospital, he weighed 8 lbs., 10 ozs. and was 22 inches long. Grandparents are Ruth Simmons and the late Floyd Simmons of Bixby and Wilson and Naomi Baldridge of Tulsa. Great Grandmother is Nannie Chalakee of Coweta.

## Letter of Appreciation From Arline Ditzler Family

Sincere and deep thanks for the many prayers, kindness and concern during the 3 years of our mother's illness and death. There are many who went the extra mile during the whole three years. Some who brought food or prepared meals while we were sitting at the hospital afraid to leave, others for the beautiful floral arrangements at the funeral, and for support when we needed it to make the trips. For those who visited Arline in the rest home for she was deeply grateful. Some stuck by the whole three years, and forgive us if we left your name out but Gusta Burden, Helen Washington, Juanita King, Pauline Randall, Virginia Watson, Rev. Frank Belvin, Okmulgee First Indian Baptist Church, Creek Nation Hospital, (all the staff and doctors who were exceptionally kind and good to her), Chief Cox, Alabama Indian Baptist Church for allowing us to have both her and Bill's memorial services and feeding the people and thanks to Creek Nation for supplying much of the food. Dr. Miller of Okmulgee, Thlopholocco Tribal Town for their beautiful floral arrangement and support on more than one occasion, Weleetka First Baptist, and especially their WMU who have helped us since the beginning and fed the family at the funeral, all the Muscogee, Seminole, Wichita Indian Baptist Association churches who have all prayed deeply and often. We are deeply grateful. May God answer each of your needs.

## Revenue Sharing Public Notice

The Creek Nation has submitted its report on the actual expenditures of Revenue Sharing Funds to the Bureau of Census, this report and supporting documentation are available for public inspection in the Office of the Treasury, Creek Nation Complex, from 8:30 a.m., Monday, January 16 through Friday, January 20, 1984.

## Okmulgee County History Book

An Okmulgee County History book is being published by the Okmulgee County Historical Society to preserve the heritage of Okmulgee County families, past and present, for the generation of the future.

If you reside in Okmulgee County, your family history (700 words or less) can be included in this book free of charge.

Instructions for submitting your history include typing it on an 8 1/2 x 11 typing paper, double-spaced, with one-inch margins, name, address, telephone number in the upper left corner of each page and the family name in the upper right corner of each page. Present three copies of your family history to the Okmulgee or Henryetta Libraries.

If you wish to include photos with your history, the charge is \$5.75 for a single column photo (2 1/2 inches wide) or \$10.75 for a 2 column photo (5 1/4 wide).

### CARD OF THANKS

The family of Elizabeth Sullivan wishes to thank the community, friends and relatives for the many kindnesses shown to us at the time of her passing.



## Muskogee Area BIA Director Named

Jose "Abe" Zuni has been appointed Bureau of Indian Affairs area director at Muskogee, Oklahoma. Deputy Assistant Secretary John Fritz announced. Zuni, a member of the Isleta Pueblo, is a 32-year veteran with the B.I.A. He was formerly director of administration for the Bureau in Washington, D.C. from 1974 to 1979 and since then has served in a variety of key jobs. These included details as the acting area director at Juneau, Alaska and at Minneapolis, Minnesota and a detail as a supervisory engineer in the Facilities Engineering Staff at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Zuni, a graduate of the University of New Mexico, is also a former agency superintendent at the Nevada agency and the Consolidated Ute agency.

## Efforts to Make Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs Permanent are Unsuccessful

Efforts to make the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs a permanent committee were not successful in the hectic, closing days of the last Congress.

Since there was not adequate time to argue the merits of making the committee permanent, letting it die, or giving it another temporary extension, all of which were favored by some Senators--Senator Howard Baker introduced a unanimous consent agreement to extend it till July 1, 1984 which would allow the matter to be debated and settled in the next Congress. This was agreed to by the Senators.

The "Limited Edition" will sell for \$65.00 each. If you place your order for the history book within the next month, the book will cost only \$49.50.

For more information on the Okmulgee County History book, contact the Okmulgee County History Book Project at (918) 758-0178.



## Toddler Wins Xmas Stocking

Kunaww Yahola, 4, daughter of Earnestine Henneha and Roman Yahola, won the 7-foot Christmas Stocking given away at the Bargain Store in Okemah. She reportedly was delighted with the stocking full of toys.

## National Indian Employment Resource Center Opens

In an effort to increase job opportunities for American Indians, the National Urban Indian Council has opened a National Indian Employment Resource Center (NIERC) in Denver. Designed as a professional personnel placement agency, the center is the first such national effort to link the skills of American Indians and Alaska Natives with employers throughout the United States. Assisted by a grant from the Administration for Native Americans, the NIERC is expected to become a major national employment agency specializing in the brokering of technical skills with employers seeking those skills. Additional information on the NIERC may be obtained from Gregory Frazier, National Indian Employment Resource Center, 2258 S. Broadway, Denver, Colorado, 80210. The toll-free number for interested employers or employees is (800) 572-9450.



# Weleetka Seniors



STEPHEN PIGEON

Stephen Pigeon, 17, a student at Weleetka High School, has been named Senior of the Week at WHS. Stephen, Creek-Cherokee, is the son of Willie and Pat Pigeon of Rt. 3, Okemah, and is the grandson of Easter Pigeon of Tahlequah and the late Sam Pigeon and Cainey and Stella Roberts of Okemah.

While attending WHS, Stephen has been active in sports; was a member of the Outlaw football and baseball teams, and was named to the all-conference baseball team. He is listed in the Who's Who at WHS for 83-84 as the most popular boy in high school.

An above-average student, Stephen attended the Okmulgee Public Schools nine years prior to entering the Weleetka school system. While in Okmulgee schools, Stephen played basketball for the Bulldogs and was the only high school freshman to pitch for the varsity team.

Stephen plans to attend Seminole Junior College after graduation. His ambition is to play college baseball.



BUTCH HOBIA

Butch Hobia, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Melford Hobia, Weleetka, was recently selected as Senior of the Week at Weleetka High School.

Active in sports while in high school, Butch played football for four years, baseball for two years and basketball and track for one year. He has been a 4-H member, a member of the FFA and has served as officer in that organization for 3 years. Butch has also been active in drama and was awarded the "Best Supporting Actor" Award for 1982-83, served as escort for the 1983 Homecoming Queen coronation, and has been named to the 83-84 "Who's Who At Weleetka High School" as the Wittiest Boy in High School.

Upon graduation, Butch plans to enlist in the armed forces.



RHONDA MILLER

Rhonda Miller, 17, daughter of Harold and Frances Miller, of Weleetka, was chosen as Senior of the Week at Weleetka High School.

Rhonda has attended the Weleetka Public Schools since kindergarten. She has been a member of the Weleetka Chapter of the FFA for two years and has served as treasurer of the organization for one year, participated in dramatics for two years and is an 83-84 Outlaw cheerleader, as well as a 1983 Homecoming queen candidate.

Rhonda plans to attend Seminole Junior College or Oklahoma State Tech.



LOUIS BIRD CREEK

Louis Birdcreek, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Birdcreek, was also selected Senior of the Week at WHS. Louis has attended WHS since kindergarten.

Louis' extracurricular activities include: member of the Outlaw football and baseball squads for four years, played basketball for one year, was king of his Sophomore class, participated in dramatics and served as an escort for the 1983-84 Homecoming queen coronation.

Louis plans to enlist in the U.S. Navy after completing high school requirements.

## Parental Values Important In Teenage Alcoholism

Values taught and reinforced through family relationships can be just as important as peer pressure to teenage American Indians considering the use of alcohol.

Although it is commonly stated that peer pressure is the most influential factor in teenage drinking behavior, researchers at the American Indian Education Policy Center at the Pennsylvania State University found that family influences can be at least as important.

"When there was parent control and the family presented situations where good relationships could emerge, the children were more likely to defer to their parents in making decisions, including decisions about alcohol.

explains Dr. Grayson B. Noley.

Although Indians were the focus of the study, Dr. Noley believes the results can be applied to the American public in general.

"Abusive drinking -- and drinking at all -- was less likely to occur in those situations where the parents made decisions for or shared the function with their teen-agers," he says.

"Those (teen-agers) more emotionally and socially distant from their parents were more likely to be the heavier users of alcohol," says Dr. Yoshimitsu Takei, one of three senior research associates on the project.

Because of the family's potential influence, the researchers concluded, people who develop prevention programs should pay critical attention to family dynamics. Future programs should be heavily family oriented, Dr. Noley says.

The Penn State study also found that the drinking habits of teens tend to mirror those of their parents. Abusive drinkers tended to have children who drank excessively, started drinking at an earlier age and got into trouble as a result of their drinking.

Eighty-four sample American Indian families at four Midwest locations were interviewed in Spring 1982 to gather data for the study. The four sites represented different geographic and social environment: an urban Indian community, a large reservation, a small reservation and a rural non-reservation setting.

Results of the interviews were used to develop a pilot prevention curriculum for grades four through six that was tested with promising results at two of the sites in Spring 1983. The curriculum combined storytelling, Indian art, role playing, games, audio- and video-tapes and tribal laws to foster a wholesome attitude about alcohol use and abuse among the pupils.

Dr. Noley says it was designed to use materials related to the pupil's environment because the study found that an adherence to religion and Indian culture served as an additional deterrent to alcohol abuse. "Programs that emphasize cultural activities should be heartened by this," he says.

The study was conducted with the support of a grant from the Administration of Children, Youth and Families of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Patrick D. Lynch and Dr. Victor L. Dupuis, professors of education at Penn State, were also senior research associates.

## Indian Students Offered Health Careers Program

Indian students interested in health careers who are either high school seniors or college freshmen may be eligible for an eight-week, expense-paid program designed to increase science, mathematics, and communication skills. The program is sponsored by the University of Oklahoma and is held at the Headlands Conference Center in Mackinaw City, Michigan, June 14-August 11. Students attend 8 hours of class and lab four days a week and spend one day a week at a local hospital or on field trips. Application deadline is April 1, 1984. For further information contact: Headlands Indian Health Careers, College of Medicine, University of Oklahoma, P.O. Box 26901, Oklahoma City, Ok. 73190. Telephone (405) 271-2250.



# CN Headstart Offers Opportunity

The future of our people lies with our children. . . tomorrow's leaders. How well we prepare them to meet that challenge, will determine the course that our destiny as Indian people will take. . . On them we pin our hopes and dreams for the future.

By Kathryn Bell

Observing its fifth year of operation, the Creek Nation Headstart Program, has had a significant impact on the education of the Indian children it serves. The program consists of two centers - the Eufaula Headstart Program and the Yeager Headstart Program. Since the opening of the two centers, Indian children have benefited in the education and social boost it has given them toward school readiness. Director Janet Lee explained, "Five years ago, in answer to a Creek Nation administrative priority goal of providing a comprehensive educational system to educate young and old, the early childhood education program was developed. It was felt at that time by the administration that the implementation of a Headstart Program would reverse the trend of public education, which, it has been widely felt by Indian educators, has a tendency to alienate the Indian child."

Both Headstart Centers operate under the guidelines of providing early educational experiences to the following; low-income Indian children, ages four and five who will be eligible for kindergarten, low-income Indian children, ages three and four who will not be eligible for kindergarten, handicapped children, low-income non-Indian children and over-income children.

The centers provide a curriculum that includes individual educational programs in vital areas of early childhood education; language development skills, cognitive skills, gross and fine motor development activities, self-help skills and social and emotional skills.

In addition, health services are provided to the children, health and dental testing and screening, treatment and follow-up. "The most important aspect of Headstart is the health and nutrition services the children receive at our centers. Two-thirds of the child's daily nutritional needs are met by the program, and educationally, our children really do get a "headstart", said Mrs. Lee.

The policy-making body of the Headstart Program is the Parent Policy Committee which is composed of at least 50% of the Headstart parents and community representatives. Officers are elected to the committee which in turn approves policy for the Headstart, establishes methods of hearings and resolving complaints or problems.



helps conduct self-evaluation and makes input to the following year's program.

In addition, each center has a Parent Committee with elected officers that help staff with the program activities such as coordinating daily schedules, classroom volunteers and special activities as field trips and the Little Olympics.

"We're not just serving children, we are educating the parents as well, because our philosophy is that parents are the prime educators - we are not taking the responsibility of educating their children away from the parents, but we are working hand-in-hand with them so that they can continue to be effective in their role as educators of their children," said Mrs. Lee. "I appreciate the support that our parents have given to the program."

Presently the two centers have a combined enrollment of 133 children. Jane McKane is the Center Supervisor at the Yeager Headstart Program and Raylene Stafford is the Supervisor at the Eufaula Headstart Program.

Their staff includes; Yeager - Patricia Wind, Betty Smith, Patricia Lincoln (Teachers); Josephine Balderrama, Ann McGirt, Molesia Deer, Cindy Kelley, Minnie McCulley, Andrew Wesley (aides and drivers). The Handicapped Coordinator, who is located at Yeager is Ricky Harjo. The cook at the Center is Eliza Yargee, the Cook-Aide is Louise Johnson and Tom Barnes is the bus driver/custodian.

A source of pride for Director Lee are the two staff members who have been nationally credentialed as Childhood Development Associates - Patricia Wind and Betty Smith. The credentialing means that the two have been deemed competent to teach in an early childhood classroom. "I am so proud of these two and the recognition they have received as being credentialed."

Mrs. Lee commended the staff at the Centers for the part each has played in the success of the Creek Nation Headstart Program - particularly the staff that has been with the program since its first year of operation: Betty Smith, Pat Wind, Josephine Balderrama, Ann McGirt, Patricia Lincoln, Jane McKane, and Eliza Yargee at Yeager, and Paulette Thompson and Pam Hall at Eufaula.

The Headstart Director, Janet Lee, served as a teacher of the Four Year Old class at the Eufaula Center in 1979, prior to being chosen as Director of the program two years ago.

The Eufaula Headstart staff includes: Mrs. Stafford-Supervisor, Carolyn Wilbanks-Three Year Old Teacher, Pam Hall-Four Year Old Teacher, and

Paulette Thompson-Five Year Old Teacher.

Aides include: Teresa Stephens and Shelly Doyle (3 yr. olds), Sue Hensen and Wana Mitchell (4 yr. olds), Lorene Burris and Vicki Hauge (5 yr. olds). Mercedes Barentt is the cook, Nellie Hallum is the cook aide, and Daniel Deere is the bus driver/custodian.

## Enthusiasm Runs High At Yeager Headstart



The yellow Creek Nation Headstart minibus pulls up to the curb of the Yeager Headstart Program and out comes a group of laughing and happy children, walking arm-in-arm to their classrooms. Their faces shine with excitement as they begin a new day. The teachers come out to greet them - equally enthusiastic. What takes place in these classrooms during the day includes a lot of busy activity, a little noise, and a lot of learning.

Yeager is one of two Headstart Centers operated by the Creek Nation Division of Human Development. Center Supervisor Jane McKane explained her program: "Our present program is to take the children and develop them physically, emotionally and intellectually and give them a good foundation for entering public school. We teach them how to share, get along with others, responsibility and self-sufficiency."

"...I get a lot of 'I love you's' from the children and this is my reward." --Teacher Pat Wind

Explaining the importance of early childhood education, Mrs. McKane cited the characteristics of the preschool child - "The preschool child is learning to be away from home and mother for the first time and that is a difficult transition for them to make to be separated from their homes and mother. We must get down on their level and show them that there is love here. You can see the positive results - these children get off the bus with their faces shining, laughing and full of excitement. They greet us as they come in."

Mrs. McKane emphasized the goals of the Yeager Headstart Program - "building good nutrition, health and dental habits, as well as helping the parents to understand how important these things are to the growing child." She added, "Without our parents we wouldn't have a Headstart Program. They are involved in curriculum development, and in every aspect of the program." In addition the Headstart Program sends out a monthly newsletter, calendar of



events, and conducts parent meetings and training.

The Yeager Headstart consists of three classes; the 3-yr.old, 4-yr.old, and 5-yr.old class. Although each class has its own schedule the daily activities are similar: at 9:00, the children arrive and have a health check; 9:30 the children enjoy a nutrition breakfast. The remainder of the morning is spent in math, language and art activities, circle time (a group socialization period), and free play. Lunch is served at noon, after which the children brush their teeth and resume the day's learning activities. Rest and quiet time is provided after lunch. At 3:00 p.m. the children prepare to return home. Transportation is provided to and from each Center, with the aides doubling as the drivers - all of whom are trained and certified to drive school vehicles.

Unit lesson plans are developed and administered by the teachers.

**The Headstart Centers provide a curriculum that includes individualized educational experience in such areas as: language development, cognitive skills, gross and fine motor development, self-help skills, social and emotional skills development. Teacher's Aide, Ann McGirt, shown below, works with a group of 3-year olds in Language Development activities.**



The teachers who are involved with the learning experiences of the students on a day-to-day basis, commented on their various observations of their student's progress and of the rewards involved in teaching them:

**THREE YEAR-OLD CLASS - TEACHER BETTY SMITH** — "Teaching these children means a great deal to me. I take the children through activities that help their intellectual and social skills development. It has been an experience seeing the progress they make throughout the year from coming to school on the first day not knowing what to expect and then to becoming enthusiastic about coming to school every day."

Betty's aides are Ann McGirt and Andrew Wesley.

**FOUR-YEAR OLD CLASS — TEACHER PATRICIA WIND** — "I am preparing these children for

kindergarten and through this program they will be able to keep up with their class. The biggest reward of my job is when one of the children learns a concept that I have taught them - they are thrilled! Another reward is that I get a lot of "I love you's" from the children," said Mrs. Wind, who added that being CDA credentialed has meant a great deal to her - "This has been one of the major accomplishments of my life."

Discussing the importance of parent involvement in the program, she said, "We also work with the parents on discipline. We will set up a meeting with a specialist in behavior if it is needed. It is a part of our goal to help the children anyway that we can. We really care about the child and will work with them in all areas of their lives."

Mrs. Wind's aides are Molesia Deer and Cindy Kelley.

**FIVE-YEAR OLD CLASS — TEACHER PAT LINCOLN**, who is currently working on her CDA credentialing related how she maintains her enthusiasm for teaching. "All I have to do to keep my enthusiasm is to watch them - they get so excited! I had a child today that learned how to tie his shoes - now he's teaching the others!" She continued, "If I can help one child a day learn something new, then I feel like I have accomplished something for that day. I might add that all of us that teach love children - you have to love them to work with them..."

The aides in this classroom are Josephine Balderrama and Minnie McCulley.

The staff of the Yeager and Eufaula Headstart not only possess a genuine concern for the children they are involved with, but are also highly skilled. They receive training in curriculum design, social services and parent involvement. "The staff at the Centers attend training sessions on a regular basis. This training is provided by the Office of Indian Child Services in Norman," said Mrs. McKane. The staff

receives First Aid and CPR training.

Recalling the early days of the Yeager Headstart Program, Mrs. McKane told of that first day - "When we first began on January 8, 1979, we were called to report to work. Only one room was heated, and the building had not yet been renovated. The eight of us began. We scrubbed the floors and painted."

In February when we brought in the first 52 children for half a day, we were in the process of plumbing which was not yet complete. We didn't have a clear-cut idea of what all Headstart involved but soon we started receiving training. We had a lot of obstacles during that early time, but soon the improvements came.

"What you see today represents years of hard work, tears of frustration but now with all of the improvements that have been made - Creek Nation has a right to be proud of the Headstart Centers. It fills our hearts with pride to see that our Indian children will be better prepared to go out and meet the world and get a headstart on it," said the enthusiastic Mrs. McKane.

"I would like to extend an invitation to Creek Nation to visit our centers anytime. I feel we are one of the best centers in Oklahoma. This fact is due to the rapid progress we have made in such a relatively short time and because of our good directors - we've had three and they have put forth the work it took to make us a success. Our present Director Janet Lee, was a teacher in the Headstart Program and I feel that it takes people who are involved with the program to know what we are all about and to provide good leadership for the Headstart Centers," concluded Mrs. McKane. **Note:** Mrs. McKane, who speaks fluent Creek, encouraged Creek people to call her if they would be interested in giving Creek cultural presentations to the children on any aspect of Creek culture. You may reach her at the Yeager Center at 379-6693 or at home, 379-6877.

**Teacher Betty Smith leads a group of 3-year olds in "Circle Time," a group interaction period where the children are encouraged to share their feelings. These activities foster social and emotional development skills.**





## OBITUARIES

### ARLINE COLEMAN DITZLER

Mrs. Arline Robison Coleman Ditzler, a native of Weleetka, died December 10 in a Weleetka nursing home at the age of 86.

Memorial services were held Monday night at the Alabama Indian Baptist Church, northwest of Weleetka, with the Reverend R.P. Thompson of Oklahoma City officiating.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church of Weleetka. Officiating ministers were Rev. George Jesse or Sasakwa, Dr. Frank Belvin of Okmulgee, Rev. Dan Phillips of Stidham, and Rev. Roley Haynes of Weleetka.

Jimmy Anderson sang "The Last Mile of the Way," and Bob Bowen sang "One Day At A Time."

Mrs. Ditzler was born July 17, 1897 in Indian Territory, near Weleetka and was the daughter of Amos Robison and Cilla Hill Robison. She was a housewife and had spent most of her life in the Weleetka area. She was active in the First Baptist Church of Weleetka for many years and was a member of the Spring Indian Baptist Church of Sasakwa.

Arline was very active in the Muskogee-Seminole-Wichita Indian Baptist Church Association and held office in that association. She was a charter member of it and helped organize the Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church, as well as the Randall Mission at Wilson. Mrs. Ditzler was also active in conducting Vacation Bible Schools in interested Indian churches.

As a young girl Arline joined Arbeka Indian Church and worked with Rev. Barney Looney until moving to Okmulgee. Mrs. Ditzler was involved at Thlewarle with her sister Mariah.

Mrs. Ditzler was preceded in death by six brothers and five sisters; two sons, Dr. William H. Coleman and Raymond Melton Coleman; three nephews, Amos Canard, Rufus Canard and George Wilson; and one niece, Helen Canard Burns.

Survivors include a son, Charles Coleman of California, four daughters; Dorothy Burden and Ethel Torres, both of Weleetka, Mildred Apple of Oklahoma City, and Lucille Navarro of Glenpool; 31 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons: Mike Torres, Ron Barnett, Roger Canard, R.J. Navarro, Buddy Robison and William Buck - Mrs. Ditzler's nephews.

Interment was in the Weleetka Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Buckley Funeral Home of Weleetka-Wetumka.

### KATIE ASBURY

Funeral services for Katie Asbury of 1330 W. 7th in Okmulgee were held Friday, December 23, in the Ivory Chapel of the Cantrell Funeral Home. Rev. Ray Waltman officiated the service.

Ms. Asbury was born August 26, 1899 in the Okmulgee County Indian Territory. She was a homemaker and a member of the Jehovah Witness. She died December 20 in Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. She was preceded in death by her husband Joe Asbury, in 1966.

Ms. Asbury was survived by one daughter, Juanita Checotah of the home, one brother, Amos Tiger of Muskogee, three grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Wake services were held December 22, with Rev. George Miller officiating. Interment was in the Okmulgee Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Eugene Slape, Otto Sheared, Larry Rose, Ronnie Johnson, Oliver Howard, and Frank Howard.

### DAN EDWARD MORGAN, JR.

Wake services for Dan Edward (Bunny) Morgan Jr. were held at the Newtown Methodist Church. Funeral services were held January 5 at 2 p.m., Thursday at Newtown with Rev. Willis Baldridge officiating, assisted by Rev. Dan Sexton. Interment was in the Morgan Family Cemetery, east of Nuyaka, under the direction of the Cantrell Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Rick Morgan, Louis Morgan, Michael Morgan, James Hale, Lloyd Hogg and Eddie LaGrone.

Mr. Morgan was born August 24, 1950 at Claremore and was a lifelong resident of Okmulgee. He was a draftsman at the Creek Nation and a member of the Honey Creek Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Marie of the home, his father, Dan Morgan Sr., his mother Pauline Harjo Morgan, two sons, Solomon and Jerome, of the home, two daughters, Jacqueline and Jolene of the home, three stepchildren, two brothers, Kenneth Morgan of Ardmore, Emmanuel Morgan of Okmulgee, and three sisters, Juanita Baldridge of Coweta, Rachel Thomas of Okmulgee, and Dinah Mitchell of Okmulgee.

### ELIZABETH SULLIVAN

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Sullivan were held December 5, 1983 at the Honeycreek Methodist Church with the Reverend Eugene Sunny officiating. Reverend Thomas Long and Reverend Willie Gooden assisted. Interment was in the Okmulgee Cemetery.

Mrs. Sullivan died December 1 at her home in Okmulgee, 400 Crutchmer Place. She was born November 24, 1910 at Schulter. She was a retired nurse and a member of the Honeycreek Indian Methodist Church. Her husband, George Sullivan, preceded her in death in 1961.

Survivors include a son, Lieurance Sullivan of Aurora, Colorado. Two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

Mrs. Sullivan was the author of a book entitled "Indian Legends of the Trail of Tears and Other Creek Stories" in which she recorded tragedies told her by her grandmother and Creek elders which were never written by white historians.



KATIE ASBURY RECEIVING A PLAQUE OF RECOGNITION In 1982 from Principal Chief Cox and Second Chief Miller for her generous contribution to the CN Elderly Nutrition Program.

### Letter From Evangelist Ernest Best

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy. For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." Phillipians 1:3-6

We send our greetings and love to each of you. It seems our hearts are stirred even more at this time of year to cause us to think of our loved ones, both near and far away. We think of God's men and women faithfully serving Him on the field and in local churches. Some are in very difficult areas, far from home. We think of those church members, also faithfully serving God, fulfilling their duties and praying. What a blessing these people have been to us. We think of those precious new converts, babes in the Lord. We also think of those precious people, whom we love, and God loves, who have never accepted the greatest gift ever given, God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. As we think of you, our hearts are full. We praise God for you. We do pray for you, asking God to bless you and to meet your needs. We have received many cards, letters and gifts. Thank you very much. Our last revival was in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. God did great things in that meeting. There were several saved. God moved in an unusual way on Thursday night. We saw families getting right with each other. Young people were going to their parents. My heart was especially blessed to see one 39 year old man go to his father to ask forgiveness for something he had done years before as a young man.

We were blessed with a visit from Elvid and Germaine Hall, from Meota, Sask. Canada. They were astounded by the number of evangelical churches that we have in this country. America is very blessed. Let us thank God for this, and not take it for granted.

I have gone for the last three weeks to churches which support us, preaching and showing slides of our work. God has blessed. We have seen people come for prayer and recommitment of their lives. We are looking forward to being in other churches after the first of the year. We praise God for you who support our work. We certainly can't thank you enough. Only God can reward you . . . and He will. Some day, those who have heard the gospel and been saved through this ministry will also thank you.

Again, we send our love and wish you a happy holiday season. May Jesus become more precious to you each day.

Your missionaries to the American Indians, Brother Ernest and Bennie Best

### Commemorative Stamp Honors Indian Athlete Jim Thorpe

The design of a United States commemorative stamp honoring the great Indian athlete Jim Thorpe was unveiled recently in ceremonies at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Thorpe, Sac and Fox Indian, was the star running back of the Canton Bulldogs, one of the earliest pro football teams.

The 20-cent stamp will be officially issued May 14, 1984 in ceremonies at Shawnee, Oklahoma, near Thorpe's birthplace. U.S. Postmaster General William Bolger said that honoring a sports hero like Thorpe, along with other national heroes like George Washington, John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, was entirely appropriate. "Every now and then," Bolger said, "a figure comes along who transcends the world of sports."

Thorpe is the first football player and the fifth athlete to be honored with a commemorative stamp. The others were Jackie Robinson, Babe Ruth, Bobby Jones and Babe Didrikson Zaharias. The stamp shows Thorpe standing upright in his Canton uniform, holding his helmet in his right hand.

The name Jim Thorpe is printed across the top and in the lower right portion of the stamp are "USA" and "20¢". The stamp was designed by Richard Gangel, former art director of Sports Illustrated magazine. He used an early photograph of Thorpe as the model.





# Know Your Rights

By CN Office of Justice Legal Counsel Geoffery Standing Bear

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978 allows the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to become part of any legal proceedings that involve the placement of Muscogee (Creek) children in foster or adoptive homes. This participation is usually in cases where children are removed from the home, by the State of Oklahoma, because of alleged neglect or abuse of the children. The Nation cannot intervene in purely voluntary custody disputes such as divorce cases or juvenile delinquency proceedings.

The ICWA, a federal law that applies to the States, grew out of United States Congressional hearings and investigations conducted in the 93rd, 94th and 95th Congresses. The hearings revealed the extent of the removal of Indian children from homes and their subsequent placement in adoptive and foster homes. For example: In Oklahoma there were four and one half times more Indian children in adoptive homes as non-Indian children.

Because of this situation Indian leaders agreed that no tribe could hope to survive when its future generations were being removed from contact with the Indian tribe and its culture. Therefore, some of the most important provisions of the ICWA are the sections instructing the states to follow certain child placement preferences when Indian children are involved.

When the State makes Indian children available for foster placement the ICWA requires them to try to place the child with one of the following:

1. A member of the child's extended family;
2. A foster home licensed, approved or specified by the Indian child's tribe;
3. An Indian foster home licensed or approved by an authorized non-Indian licensing authority (for example: the state of Oklahoma's Department of Human Services);
4. An institution for children approved by an Indian tribe or operated by an Indian organization.

Where appropriate, the preference of the Indian child or parent will be considered.

When the state has an Indian child in their custody that is eligible for adoption, the ICWA requires the state to try to place the child with one of the following:

1. A member of the child's extended family (this includes grandparents, aunts, uncles and so forth);
2. A member of the child's tribe;
3. Indian families of other tribes.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation often intervenes in these state cases to insure that the placement preferences are enforced and that the other provisions of the ICWA are followed. In addition, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Indian Child Welfare Program makes case investigations, reports and recommendations on the case for the State Court.

When a state agency removes an Indian child from his home, the state court must notify the child's Indian tribe. Once the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is notified, the Indian Child

Welfare Program which is located at the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee makes a preliminary investigation of the case and then recommends to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of Justice if they should intervene in the case.

Once the Nation is a party to the proceeding, we stay involved until the case is resolved. This involvement consists of assisting the Indian family in knowing their legal rights and in following court ordered remedies. For example, a court may order the children be temporarily removed from the home of the parents until a more stable situation develops at home. In the meantime, the parents may be ordered to attend parenting and counseling classes and to have the State Department of Human Services to monitor the family by regular home visits and interviews.

Unfortunately, the history of these kinds of cases has shown that much too often non-Indian social workers have difficulty understanding Indian culture and social conditions which lead to biased reporting of Indian family conditions. Here is where the Indian tribe's child welfare program can assist a State Court by providing trained Indian caseworkers to conduct their own home visits and recommendations to a court.

Furthermore, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of Justice will send a licensed attorney to court in these cases to make sure the legal rights of the Indian family are respected under the ICWA.

Some of these rights are:

1. Where an Indian parent has given custody and control of their child to another Indian under tribal law or custom, then that person with custody of the child has most of the rights of a parent and is known as the "Indian custodian".

2. If the parent or Indian custodian cannot afford their own attorney, then the court will appoint an attorney for them. This should be done even if the Indian tribe's attorney is present, since the tribe is an advocate for all the Indian people involved in the case, including the child. The court may appoint the child its own attorney if it is in the best interests of the child.

3. The parents, Indian custodians and the tribe have the right to examine all reports or other documents filed with the court which may be used in the case.

4. The court must notify the parents or Indian custodians, along with the child's tribe, of any legal proceedings.

5. The right to an immediate hearing on the validity of the case.

These types of cases have several steps involved. The first hearing can be a "show cause hearing" where the court decides whether the case should be dropped or if it should continue. If the case continues, it will go to trial within 60 days after the case began. That trial is called an "adjudication hearing."

If the child is found to be "deprived"

or "neglected" or otherwise in need of further treatment then the court will order a "service plan" for the parents or Indian custodians which they must follow to prove to the court that they can properly care for the child. This plan is presented at a hearing called a "dispositional hearing". After the dispositional hearing the court may order periodic (usually every three or six months) "review hearings" to determine if the service plan is being followed successfully.

In the end, which can take several months or even years in some cases, the case is either dismissed and over with, or the state will ask the court to terminate the parental rights of the parents or Indian custodians.

If the parental rights are terminated, the child becomes eligible for adoption. Oftentimes, when children are made eligible for adoption in this manner, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will ask the court the names of interested adoptive parents. Or, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will ask the court to transfer the case to the tribal court where adoption of the child takes place in a similar way to State Court.

In order for the ICWA to apply to a case and tribal involvement to occur, the biological parent of the Indian child must be enrolled in the tribe and the child must be eligible to enroll.

Both the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of Justice and the Indian Child Welfare Program can assist tribal members in answering questions on these matters of Indian child protection. Both offices can be reached at 918/756-8700.

## Bemo News

December 4 was our last Fourth Sunday for the year and our annual Christmas Tree Church meeting. Preparations began week before. The Church thanks Jake Harjo Family for the tree, Joe Fife and children for decorating the tree, Deacon Chebon for new decorations and Moses Grey family, daughter Rena, and Patsy for candy and all other members for gifts and food donations.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Tom Berryhill and the afternoon message by Rev. Lewis Bible, Rev. Charley Hicks, Rev. Harley Roberts and Rev. C.D. Harjo. The evening and Christmas message was brought by Rev. Thompson Billy, Rev. George Doyle and Rev. J.B. Dunn. The churches represented were; Arbeka, Yardeka, Grave Creek, Cedar Creek, Snake Creek, Hailey, Broken Arrow, Thewalee Hutchechapa, Green Leaf, Nuyaka, Trenton, Hickory Ground No. 1, and Tallahasee. We all had a great time in the Lord.

January 1 was the first Fourth Sunday and Lord's Supper - our first Communion Sunday of the year. Friday, December 30, was the Fast and Prayer Day. Saturday, December 31, was the Testimonial and all-night Watch Service. The Sunday morning service was led by Deacon Chebon; morning message was by Chairman Jake Harjo who exhorted us. Steve Shell brought the Afternoon message and we had one dedication.

Preparing the Lord's table and Bread and Wine were Deacons Harley Roberts and Chebon White Cloud. Administering the Lord's Table was Rev. G. Doyle. The churches represented were; Nuyaka, Thewalee, Snake Creek, and Broken Arrow.

Special guest was Vice-Chief's wife, Lucille Bible Miller, who was our guest all afternoon.

Future dates for Bemo include; February and March - Fourth Sunday; April 22 - Easter Sunday with traditional Easter preaching, singing, feast and egg hunt. First prize adult - \$50. This is the second time in 25 years that Easter Sunday has fallen on our Church meeting. Also on this church meeting will be our second Lord's Supper and we will also observe a Memorial Meeting in the morning, of our founder Moses Grey.

Deacon Chebon Whitecloud

## "A Song For Dead Warriors" Debuts on T.V.

A powerful and controversial ballet highlighting the plight of the American Indian, the San Francisco Ballet's epic, "A Song For Dead Warriors," airs Monday, January 16, at 9:00 p.m. (ET, please consult local Public Broadcasting Service station for exact time and date.)

The ballet was inspired by the life of Richard Oakes, one of the leaders of a group of young Indians who occupied Alcatraz Island from November 20, 1969, to June 11, 1971.

Choreographed by Michael Smuin to music by Charles Fox, this special presentation for GREAT PERFORMANCES' award-winning Dance In America series is a WNET/THIRTEEN, New York, and KQED, San Francisco co-production, made possible by grants from EXXON, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting with additional support from public television stations.

The ballet opens with a montage of 19th century Edward Curtis Indian photographs, familiar from history books, combined with statements from contemporary Indians and spokespersons such as Marlon Brando. Choreographer Smuin describes the unique dance drama as a "series of vignettes which trace the life of an Indian man from his death, and in so doing, reflects on the contemporary American Indian situation."

Lead dancers Antonio Lopez and Evelyn Cisneros perform their roles with unusual intensity. Smuin created the roles around Cisneros and Lopez, who is Indian.

"A Song For Dead Warriors" is directed by Merrill Brockway and produced by Judy Kinberg for Dance in America. It is presented by the Great Performances' Alliance; WNET/THIRTEEN, New York; KERA, Dallas-Ft. Worth; KQED, San Francisco; SCETV, Columbia; and WTTW, Chicago. Jac Venza is executive producer for GREAT PERFORMANCES.



Sunshine King

## Sunshine King Named Curator of Creek Council House Museum

T.A. Sunshine King has been named as the new Curator of the Creek Council House in Okmulgee.

Ms. King, fullblood Yuchi, has an extensive background in the research of Creek history, customs, and folklore. She holds a degree in Museology and Ceramics from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe.

Previous to being selected for the Curator's position at the Council House, Ms. King held a position at the Creek Nation Tribal Complex as Historian. She has also been employed as an exhibit technician at the Santa Fe Art Institute.

Discussing her goals for the Council House, Ms. King stated, "I hope to present programs to the Okmulgee community through the Council House that will bring the Muscogee (Creek) and Yuchi culture back to life. I want to develop educational programs for the school age children of the community and I want the Indian community to bring their children here for the various programs."

Ms. King has recently (January 1) held the Council House's first museum collection exhibit at the Governor's Office in Oklahoma City. The exhibit consisted of Indian artifacts from the Council House collection and was done to stimulate tourist activity to the Creek Council House Museum.

Praising the work done by previous Council House Curator Bruce Shackleford, Ms. King talked of the achievements done that had brought the Council House wider recognition in the community, "the museum was set up to take care of the articles of aesthetic quality of the Creek people - and it is just now taking on a professional standing as a museum because of the work former Director Bruce Shackleford did when he was here."

Encouraging involvement of Creek people with the Council House, Ms. King asked that if any of the tribal people had an idea or suggestion as to what they would like to see at the Council - "I would certainly like to hear from them," she said.

Sunshine was born and raised in the Kellyville area. Currently she and her son, Sky, reside in Okmulgee. She is the daughter of Mary Alexander and granddaughter of the late Salo Fulsom Felix and James Muskogee Felix.

For further information on the Creek Council House, contact Sunshine King at the Council House at 756-2324.

**NOTE:** Gary Robinson, Communication Specialist at Creek Nation, was appointed to the Creek Indian Memorial Association in October. The function of this board, which is comprised of individuals with interests and experience in Creek culture and history, is to oversee the collection and contents of the Creek Council House Museum.



Steve Wilson

## Steve Wilson Appointed Chairman of Oklahoma Council on Aging

Steve Wilson, Manager of the Office of Community Research and Development Administration at Creek Nation, was appointed Chairman of the Oklahoma Council on Aging December 13, at the Pottawatamie Tribal Sr. Citizen's Center in Shawnee, at the Council's monthly meeting.

Wilson will serve a one-year term of office as the Chairman of the Council, whose function is to bring about improved, comprehensive services to the Oklahoma Indian Elderly.

Tribal representatives are appointed by the Chief of each respective tribe to the Council. Wilson was appointed to the Council in August by Chief Cox. Prior to this appointment, he attended the meetings since the Council's inception in 1978. "The Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging will include all tribal Title VI Elderly Nutrition Program Directors or Managers in their meetings so as to involve as many people as we can on the Council. The newly-elected officer's first duties are to serve as a joint commission with the National Indian Council on Aging in planning for the National Indian Council's meeting to be held in Tulsa at the Camelot Inn next March," said Wilson.

Wilson currently manages the Creek Nation Title VI Elderly Nutrition Program and has been active in issues concerning Indian Elderly. "Being an advocate for Indian elderly people in Oklahoma, it has been my concern, as well as the concern of the Council to

have a positive impact on the issues that affect Indian elderly, such as health, nutrition, and housing. We are working toward providing a better quality of life for the elderly. I am proud that in my own tribe, Chief Cox has made the elderly a priority in the programs at Creek Nation. I am honored to be selected as the Chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging and will do my very best to fill the responsibility of that office and to the Indian elderly of this state," Wilson stated.

He continued, "I think one of the first goals we (Council) will be working for is increased funding for Title VI so that the Nutrition Centers can be expanded. The centers in Oklahoma have been the focus of not only

nutrition services, but other activities for the elderly as well. If more centers are funded, more of our elderly will be involved in social activities which in turn would make them feel more needed."

Wilson, full-blood Creek, has been employed with Creek Nation since 1976. He was raised in Hughes County. Currently he and his family reside in Okmulgee.

Also elected to the Council were: Patricia Woods (Chickasaw Nation) - Vice-Chairman, Judith Perry (Choctaw Nation) - Secretary, and Sam Stool (Cherokee Nation) - Treasurer. Member-at-large is Albin Leadingfox of the Pawnee Tribe.

The Council meets monthly at various tribal facilities.

## PROFILE: Indians Into Business



## William's Feed & General Store

Serving the needs of area farmers and ranchers, William's Feed and General Store, located on old Highway 75 in Henryetta, anticipates doing a good business, according to owner Barton Williams.

The Feed Store, opened on December 17, stocks Acco and Shawnee Feed, a complete line of vet supplies, tack, hardware, tractors and tractor parts. Williams added that the store will also handle garden supplies and will sell fresh, home-grown produce in season.

"We have enjoyed a good business since we started and we hope to do even better as people become familiar with us," said Williams. The store's trade area encompasses Henryetta and the surrounding areas.

Williams and his wife, Rita, are assisted in the store by two employees. Mrs. Williams adds variety to the business by arranging for local craftspeople to display and sell their hand-crafted items in the store.

Business hours are 8-5:30 p.m. Monday - Saturday.

"We have good, competitive prices, a good location, and our coffee pot is always on. We invite everyone to come in," said Williams. "We are proud of our business and we have good ideas and plans for a successful year." Williams added that he is interested in becoming an

outlet for grainery produced by the Creek Nation Agribusiness Feed Mill, which is nearing operational status.

Being born and raised in the farming area of Graham, Williams has first-hand knowledge of the needs of area farmers and ranchers.

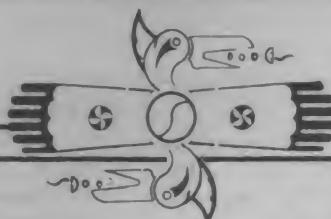
Serving a five-year stint in the service, Williams returned home to the Creek Nation area where he was employed with the Housing Authority for five years, and prior to the opening of the Feed Store, had spent seven years working on cross-country pipeline. "I got tired of traveling and was ready to open up a business in this area," said Williams, who devotes spare time to youth sports activities. Williams, who has auctioneers training, also plans to conduct on-site auctions, in addition to his business and other interests.

Williams, his wife, their 12-year-old son, Shawn, and 16-year-old niece, Stephanie, are residents of Henryetta.

Williams is the son of Irvin and Alice Williams, life-long residents of the Henryetta area. William's brother, Billy, owns a body shop in Henryetta.

Mrs. Williams is the daughter of Tom and Blanche Berryhill of Wilson.

To contact Williams for auctioneering, telephone (918) 652-2382.



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## 84-85 Muscogee National Council Convene First Official Session

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Because of an ordinance passed by the Council, the Muscogee Nation News is not allowed to publish Council Minutes until they are approved. This makes the minutes two months old before we can publish them. The MNN has received many complaints about this matter, so we decided to report on the Council meetings as they happen. Each month, one of the MNN staff writers will attend the meeting and write an actual account.

By Helen Chalakee

The new seventeen-member Muscogee (Creek) National Council convened for their first official session Saturday, January 28. Throughout the meeting, the group was in general consensus of the need for an organized structure in which to legislate.

Both old and new members agreed more in-depth study of the Creek Constitution, along with legal interpretation was needed in order to legislate in a proper manner according to the document. Principal Chief Cox advised the Council that he had assigned Creek Nation's legal counsel, Geoffrey Standing Bear for the project. Standing Bear is allowed 35 per cent of his contract time working with the Council. Speaker Roberts stated, even though he felt more time than that was needed, at least it was a start.

This seemed to be a fresh outlook by the new Council. It was obvious most of the members are aware of their responsibility and are eager to perform legislation which will be beneficial to the Tribe.

Much discussion among the Council was held during the course of the meeting about the division of government powers. The Council was in agreement that a better understanding of each branch of tribal government functions was needed in order for legislation to be passed that would not infringe into unnecessary areas, therefore wasting time and energy of the Council.

Speaker Robert's explained an ordinance that was passed in 1981 giving the Principal Chief the executive power to create and organize the Executive Office of the Principal Chief. The ordinance he was referring to was NCA 81-13, and was passed in accordance to the Creek Constitution, Article V, section 1 (a), stating: "The Executive power shall be vested in and shall be known as the Office of Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation."

At this point, Sandy McIntosh, McIntosh District Representative (Seat A), commented, "I think the old Council 'messed up' and gave all their power away when they passed that

ordinance giving Chief Cox the executive power."

As the Council went into business transactions of items listed under "old business", several vetoes to proposed legislation from the Principal Chief for various technical reasons died in session through lack of action by the Council. A compromise was made on one ordinance allowing two council members: Clarence Cloud, Creek District Representative (Seat A) and Sandy McIntosh, to be compensated for meetings they had attended while serving on the Executive Interim Committee to the Economic Affairs Board. One of the Board's functions is to monitor the CN Agri-Business.

It was decided the two will be paid what they requested, \$50 per meeting for a total of nine meetings each, in addition to \$50 per month, retroactive to January, 1984. If they do or do not meet, they will receive the \$50 per month. A new board is expected to be appointed in April.

This money is to be paid out of the Creek Nation Dairy account, which is profits made from the sale of milk. The total amount to be paid these two is \$1,200, amounting to the sale of 8,889 lbs. of milk by the Dairy. These funds are normally reinvested into dairy operations. Other members of the interim committee serving without pay are: Gary Breshears, CN Executive Director; Buddy York, Director CN Tribal Affairs; and David Bryant, CN Director of Finance.

One piece of new legislation was passed: NCA 84-03, "An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supporting the Legal Defense for Sammy Van Woudenberg, A Creek Citizen of the Muscogee Nation".

Sammy Van Woudenberg was recently charged with first degree murder of a cellmate in the Muskogee County Jail. He was convicted of this crime and given the death sentence. His family approached Creek Nation with a written document asking for Creek Nation's support of a "Legal Defense Fund" to be used to appeal the death sentence.

After revising the Van Woudenberg's original document, the National Council passed the following legislation with a motion made by Perry Beaver, Tulsa District Representative and seconded by Bill Burden, Okfuskee District Representative. The Council acted on 12 'yes' votes and three abstentions made by Alexander Thomas, Wagoner District (See COUNCIL CONTINUED, Page 2)



Wilma Berryhill was appointed Chief Justice of the Muscogee (Creek) Supreme Court. The appointment came about during the Court's January Meeting.

## Wilma Berryhill Appointed Creek Nation Chief Justice

By Kathryn Bell

Wilma L. Berryhill, Coweta, has been appointed Chief Justice of the Creek Nation Supreme Court. The appointment came during the Court's first Quarterly meeting, held in January.

"I am honored to have been chosen Chief Justice by the other Supreme Court Justices," said Mrs. Berryhill, who assumed the office upon expiration of former Chief Justice Elliot Howe's term of office. She was nominated for the office by the other Justices, and ushered in by majority vote to serve for a one-year term.

The Justices to the Supreme Court are appointed by the Principal Chief, subject to majority approval by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

Mrs. Berryhill's appointment represents a landmark action in that she is the first woman to be chosen Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. "As the other Justices shook my

hand upon my appointment, they congratulated me on being the first woman Chief Justice in Creek judicial history," she remarked. "I just consider it an honor to have been appointed by my colleagues." Mrs. Berryhill has served as a Justice on the Supreme Court since 1980.

Chief Justice Berryhill's duties include officially presiding over the Supreme Court hearings and attendance at the Court's quarterly meetings.

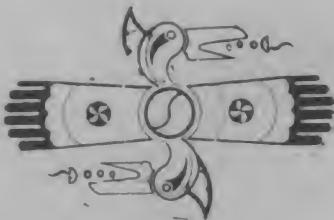
Performing her duties in the most responsible manner is a goal to attain, feels the Chief Justice. "The office of Chief Justice is a responsible position. Anyone coming before our courts and the actions that take place there demand the utmost responsibility on the part of each of the Court officials. I intend to undertake my duties in a most responsible manner," said Mrs. Berryhill, whose (See BERRYHILL CONTINUED, Page 3)



## Letter To The Editor:

I am trying to locate a Creek Indian who would be interested in corresponding with me in teaching me the Creek language. I am a Creek originally from the Wetumka area. I know a few words, but cannot put them together to be able to speak to anyone. When I lived on the east side of the state, I would attend Creek language classes, but the class would only last a week or two. If anyone is interested, please contact me:

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## COUNCIL CONTINUED...

Representative; Robert Hardridge, Okmulgee District Representative; and Jonas Dunson, Hughes District Representative.

The following findings were enclosed in the legislation, NCA 80-03: Section 101 (a) The Muscogee Creek Nation of Oklahoma has a responsibility to all of its tribal members, (b) The Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma sees fit to support a Legal Defense Fund, (c) Such a fund will be used to defray costs of a legal appeal for Sammy Van Woudenberg, a member of the Muscogee Nation, (d) Such support does not indicate the Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma has taken a stand on guilt or innocence, (e) Such support does not obligate the Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma to any direct fund raising by those of its employees, or any member of the Muscogee Nation.

Another appeal was made to the Council by a person who could not prove direct lineage to a Creek descendant listed on the Dawes Commission Roll. Her appeal was that the Council grant her an honorary membership into the Creek Tribe. She said she had traced her ancestry back to Tennessee and felt she was of Creek descent. She needed the tribal affiliation in order to claim heirship to land holdings in Arizona.

After Council discussion of this matter and questions asked of Nettie Scott, a member of the Creek Nation Citizenship Board, who was present, the Council took no further action on this matter.

The final transaction was brought on by a non-Creek, Michael Gower of the Bristow area, who was originally introduced to the Council some time back by Clarence Cloud.

Gower was asking the Council to override a decision made by Creek Nation Administration in denying him funds for housing construction.

The Council then asked for explanation from Gary Breshears. He stated the decision was based on a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulation. It seems Gower made application with the Creek Nation Housing Rehabilitation Program to receive a grant to have his house brought up to living standards. The application was in order, however, when tribal staff went to inspect Gowers house they found it to be under first-time construction which would be considered new construction and HUD's regulation specifically prohibits the use of their Community Development Block Grant CDBG funds to be used for new housing construction. CN staff felt the funds would be used to complete the construction of a new home, rather than rehabilitation. Since Creek Nation contracted the Housing Rehabilitation Program from the Bureau a little over a year ago, the funds have been used on older homes that needed to be brought up to standard living range.

Creek Nation was notified in a letter from HUD official, Robert Jagers, that the matter was a local tribal determination which the Tribe had to justify, no matter its decision if Gower was determined eligible or ineligible, and that if program funds were spent on ineligible activities, the Tribe would be required to reimburse its CDBG

program from Tribal funds.

Breshears pointed out that tribal funds are to be used for Creek citizens and if HUD disapproved the Gower funding, there were no other sources for reimbursement.

Cloud and McIntosh verbally opposed administration's decision and persisted Gower should receive some compensation for time he had spent at Creek Nation trying to obtain construction funds. Both of them wanted to know why it took so long to make the decision.

Breshears explained the decision was made long ago. The reason the issue kept arising was because Gower kept appealing.

Gower then took the floor and stated that he met with the Executive Appeals Board and they could care less if he got his house completed. Gower then contended he had a verbal agreement from a Mr. Valdez, HUD official, that his house was not considered new construction.

Councilman Beaver then asked Gower if he had a letter to that effect. Gower said, no. Valdez had been ill and his office was supposed to be preparing one for him.

By this time Gower had proceeded all the way down to the Council table and was in subtle conversation with Councilman McIntosh.

After several requests to McIntosh from Speaker Roberts, the Speaker finally regained the floor and the Council took no further action on this matter.

The planning session for the National Council has been set for Tuesday, February 14 at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the Council chambers located in the Mound Building. The planning session is open to the public and everyone is invited to attend.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** It was unclear to me how Gower got on the Council's agenda, so I contacted Speaker Roberts. He said Gower was not on the agenda. He added that when he called for announcements, Councilman Cloud asked what the status of a complaint filed by Gower was. The Speaker then asked Gary Breshears for information and after that Gower just took the floor. The Speaker related to the Council that he did want it stated in the minutes that Gower was not a Creek citizen.

To enlighten our MNN readers, I decided to research the Gower matter further. I telephoned Mr. Valdez at the HUD Oklahoma City office. Mr. Valdez was there, but unable to talk very long on the phone because he had recently undergone a jaw operation. He was represented by Gail Swanson, who related our messages back and forth. It seems Gower visited The HUD offices and from what he told Valdez, it appeared his construction was not new. However, upon further investigation with the Tribe, a letter was sent to the Tribe issuing a policy statement on the matter saying the determination was up to the Tribe and whatever their decision, justification was to be made. Also, if Gower's request was proved ineligible by HUD, reimbursement to HUD was to be made by Creek Nation out of Tribal funds.

"No", Valdez said, he did not tell Gower he would issue him a letter stating he felt his project was within regulations. The letter to the Tribe was what Valdez referred to, when he said a letter would be sent.

In further checking on how Gower's project got initially started, he received \$5,000 from the BIA Home Improvement Program before it was contracted by Creek Nation.

In 1979, he made application with Indian Health Service describing his construction as new, being financed by private funds with an estimated cost of \$15,000. IHS installed a well pump system and service lines to the house. They also installed a septic tank and drainfield.

At one time, Gower approached Chief Cox demanding Creek Nation reimburse him for materials he had used in his house.

Since 1974, Gower has collected almost \$3,000 in general assistance from the BIA Social Services for either unemployment or inability to work due to job related injuries (four of them with different companies in which he collected workman's compensation or settlements.) This was before Creek Nation contracted the Social Service Program from the BIA. Since that time Gower has been refused on two separate occasions for lack of proper employment verification.

Within the past few days, Creek Nation has been contacted by the Shawnee agency wanting information on Gower who was applying for assistance there saying he lived in Stroud.

## Letter To Creeks:

I am the son of Nellie Hawkins Barnett, who passed away on the 5th of July 1977. As a part of her estate, there were included five burial plots located in Greenhill Cemetery in Muskogee. I have been living here in North Carolina since I retired from the Army in 1964. If any of you readers would be interested in buying one of these plots, I will offer them for \$150 each. Thank you kindly!

**RESPECTFULLY, LOUIS BEAVER**  
918 Odom Drive, Fayetteville, N.C. 28304  
or telephone 919/452-3522.

## Bowling Tournament Scheduled in Dallas

The Texas Indian Heritage Society is sponsoring the 1st Annual Texas American Indian Bowling Tournament scheduled February 11-12 at the West Bowling Center, 10920 Composit Street, Dallas, Texas. Tournament officials are: John Thomas, Director, 214/363-5369; Les Jacob and Frank Martinez, Assistant Directors; and Robert Lewis, Secretary.

## Bacone College To Host All-Indian Basketball Tourney

Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla., will host an All-Indian Men's Basketball Tournament in the campus gym on Feb. 17-19.

To participate in the games, team members must be at least one-quarter Indian, or be able to prove their ancestry. All teams will be allowed a roster limit of 10 players, and the entry fee is \$65.

Game play will be consolation bracket, with all teams guaranteed a minimum of two games. The deadline for entry has been set for Feb. 16.

Team trophies will be awarded to the first, second and consolation team winners, and individual trophies will be presented to the players of the first and second places.

For more information on the tournament, contact Louie Jackson at 918-683-4581, or Yahola Tiger at 918-456-1217.

## BERRYHILL CONTINUED...

quiet and unassuming manner is tempered with firm resolve.

"Another goal of mine as Chief Justice is to encourage the Justices to attend our quarterly meetings and to motivate the Court to move forward in a progressive direction," she said.

She stated that plans are underway for the Justices to visit other tribal courts in session to gain an even broader knowledge of the Court workings.

The Supreme Court is in the Judicial branch which is one of three branches of tribal government.

The Court was established under the new tribal constitution and approved by the Creek Constitution Commission and the Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1979.

According to Geoffrey Standing-bear, Legal Counsel for Creek Nation, the Supreme Court exists currently to clarify issues arising from the functions of the two branches of tribal government - the Legislative and Administrative branches. "In addition, the Supreme Court interprets the Tribal Constitution and laws of the Nation," he said.

The Supreme Court consists of seven members; Chief Justice Berryhill, and Justices Bill Foster, Mitchell Chouteau, Mike Flud, Elliot Howe, and Greg Stidham, District Court Judge. (The position of Justice held by Bob Arrington, who recently resigned, is now open).

Mrs. Berryhill is employed with the Veteran's Administration in Muskogee as an Accounting Technician. She has been employed there since 1972.

When the Supreme Court is in session, presided over by the Chief Justice, Mrs. Berryhill is a symbol of authority and decorum, but at home and among friends, she is a picture of domestic contentment - she loves to cook for herself and her husband, Richard, sew, and pursue her passion of fishing. "I just hardly ever have time to do as much of these things anymore as I'd like to, but I do get to fish on vacations," she said.

Husband Richard lends his full support to his wife's endeavors: "He is proud of my accomplishments," said Mrs. Berryhill, adding that her husband often accompanies her to the quarterly meetings of the Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Berryhill live in Coweta and attend the Cedar Creek Baptist Church, where she teaches Sunday School and serves as Treasurer of the church. Mrs. Berryhill is also Secretary of the Koweta Indian Community and has worked with the organization since 1970.

Mrs. Berryhill was born and raised in the Coweta area, one of eight children of the late Robert Miller and Rachel Reed Miller of Coweta.

## Brother Coachman To Hold Revival

Little Cussetah Indian Baptist Church, Sapulpa, will be holding a revival March 26-30 at 7:30 p.m. with Brother James Coachman of Glorieta Indian Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, to bring the message each night. Eli Nofire, Tahlequah, will conduct the song services during the revival. Everyone is invited to attend.



## Creek Nation Commodity Food Program Serves Indian Participants Year-Round

By Helen Chalakee

Better health through better nutrition is the basis for Creek Nation's Commodity Food Distribution Program. The Program is now into its second year of operation serving over 2,700 participants in the past three months.

In order to get the project off the ground, CFD certification clerks spent many hours in preliminary training sessions learning the technique of properly certifying applicants in accordance with federal regulations.

Distribution sites had to be located and obtained. A warehouse was renovated to accommodate the tons of incoming food supply. (Recently this warehouse was purchased by Creek Nation specifically for the CFD Program.)

Special refrigerated trucks were purchased to haul the commodities to on-site locations making participation of the program as convenient as possible for Creek people. With all that went into beginning operations of the project, the Creek Nation Commodity Food Distribution Program is now well established and has been proclaimed the "best in the state".

With proper credentials, an application can be processed in a matter of hours and that person can be issued an emergency food package the same day. Recent weather conditions prohibiting many people from working should check into the program for eligibility.

Along with just supplying a food source to the Creek people, many nutritional aspects are available through nutrition specialist Judy Roland located at the Tribal Complex. She can supply counseling on therapeutic diets for persons with diabetes, heart disease, a weight problem, and other conditions requiring a change in the regular diet.

to meet individual patient needs.

Helping individuals and families make better use of the Commodity Food Program will not only cut food costs, but promote optimal health and in some cases prevent ill health.

An application form may be obtained from the Commodity Food Distribution office located at the Complex or at any of the distribution locations, or by telephone 918/756-8700. Fill out the form and return it by mail or in person. You can be interviewed either at the CFD office, by telephone or at your home.

You will be eligible to receive commodities if you are: working for low pay or not working at all, receiving public, general or other assistance payments, residing within the geographical boundaries of the Creek Nation (with the exception of residing within the city limits of a 10,000 population or over. Federal regulations prohibits distribution in those areas), a household which buys and cooks food together, or if you are an elderly or disabled person living on a small income. You must possess a Certificate of Degree of Indian blood (CDIB).

The CFD Program considers the number of people in your household and your income or resources. Resources include money you have on hand, such as checking or savings accounts. You must supply the certification clerk with proof of income by presenting a pay check stub or letter stating social security or supplemental security income.

For more information on the Commodity Food Distribution Program, telephone 918/756-8700 or specific information on where you can pick up your commodities, the warehouse number is 756-3467.

### Commodity Distribution Schedule

#### First & Third Tuesday - Feb. 7 & 21; Mar. 6 & 20

Holdenville - Community Action Bldg. 10:00 am to 3:00  
Coweta - Cedar Creek Church 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Glenpool - Indian Mission 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### Second & Fourth Tuesday - Feb. 14 & 28; Mar. 13 & 27

Hanna/Vernon Community Center - 9:30 am. to 11:30 a.m.  
Ryal/Yardeka Community Center - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Wilson - Warehouse - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Dewar - Warehouse - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Morris - Warehouse - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Weleetka Community - 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### Second & Fourth Wednesday - Feb. 8 & 22; Mar. 14 & 28

Castle-Indian Community Center - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Buckeye - Buckeye Indian Church - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### First & Third Thursday - Feb. 2 & 16; Mar. 1 & 15

Stidham - Big Arbor - 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Eufaula IHS Parking Lot - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Bristow Mutteloke Ind. Meth. Church - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
Kellyville Community Center - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Twin Hills - Warehouse - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### Second & Fourth Thursday - Feb. 9 & 23; Mar. 8 & 22

Yeager Mission Church - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.  
Checotah-C.N. Day Care Center - 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Wetumka Community Center - 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## New Registration System At CN Health Facilities

A new patient registration system is now being performed at all Creek Nation health service facilities. The registration is a one-time process and will be used in the development of a registration data base for future planning by Indian Health Service.

Please answer as many of the questions as you can on the registration form; even though some of the questions may seem a bit personal or maybe even irrelevant. The questions are designed for a specific reason to determine incidence and prevalence of health problems in a concentrated area such as Creek Nation. By participating in this project, you will be responsible for a more responsive and comprehensive health care system to be established for you and your family.

The registry system began January 1 of this year at all Creek Nation health facilities and was designed by the Indian Health Service Area Office in Oklahoma City specifically for Oklahoma Indians. Participation by Creek Nation health service users will be greatly appreciated by both Creek Nation and Indian Health Service.



## Know Your Rights!

### HEIRSHIP

The Other Rights Protection Office in the Office of Justice at the Creek Nation Capitol Complex has been established to help Creek people locate and determine the status and ownership of original and inherited allotment lands. Many of the questions we are asked concern probates and determinations of heirs. The following general information briefly touches on some of the frequently asked questions.

If a person dies and his estate is not probated or heirs determined, the deceased's property will remain on record in his name and title will not pass to his heirs.

Oil and gas buyers often refuse to release payments, holding them in suspension until the estate is probated or heirs determined.

A fullblood Indian must have a will approved in court if it excludes a spouse, any children, or parents from the inheritance of his restricted property.

The Solicitor's Office in Tulsa will usually handle the probates for the estates of an Indian if all of his property is restricted and all of his heirs are of half blood or more.

These are very general statements of law and their ultimate effect depends on the circumstances of each individual case. Anyone having questions about any of these matters should feel free to contact our office here at the complex.

Sherrin Watkins  
Other Rights Protection  
756-8700 ext. 212



# Creek Nation Social Services Program Assist Indians on Temporary and Emergency Basis

By Helen Chalakee

Approximately 20 per cent of the Creek Nation Indian population received one-half million dollars in direct benefits for general assistance last fiscal year (October 1, 1982 through September 30, 1983) from the Creek Nation Social Services Program.

The program, now under the direction of Creek Nation, was previously operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Okmulgee Agency. On December 6, 1982, the program was contracted by Creek Nation through the Indian Self-Determination Act, a public law allowing tribal governments to take over certain programs directly affecting service to their tribal citizens.

"Serving one-fifth of the Creek Nation population created quite a workload on the Social Services staff," said Kevin Sanders, manager. "With a total of 5,100 cases annually (each case may represent an individual or as many as an entire family), our payment system was in dire need of streamlining. This has now been accomplished with a computerized automated payment system for our on-going cases. This system has reduced paperwork considerably, because all case information is stored and programmed automatically for payment. Before we started using this system, each case had to be programmed individually each month before a payment could be issued," continued Sanders.

He further commented, "The on-going cases consist of unemployables who have never worked and do not possess any type job skill, have no transportation or have some chronic condition hindering them from steady employment. They have been turned down by every available assistance agency and are usually in the age bracket of 40 to 60 years old, with the highest percentage being those close to 60 who have only a few years before they can apply for elderly benefits."

#### New Payment System

"The main change affecting our on-going clients that has been brought about through the utilization of the new computer system is instead of receiving one check a month, they now receive one-half of their monthly payment the first week of the month and the other one-half the third week of the month," Sanders stated. He also commented, "The Creek Nation Social Services payment is based on the state of Oklahoma poverty level standard, therefore, the Creek Nation Social Service payment is the same amount as other assistance programs."

Sanders is quick to add, "There is no 'instant money' here, we operate our program as any other federal assistance program. There has to be a need determined and verification before our program can offer assistance. However, we want to make absolutely sure there are no Indian people in our area unassisted. The objective of the Social Services Program is one of temporary assistance, while other sources are being sought. Sometime Social Security or other federal assistance

programs take a lengthy amount of time for applications to be processed.

#### Referral Service

The aim of the Creek Nation Social Services is to fill that time gap by assisting Indian clients while they are waiting on the other source. Most affected by this trauma are those temporarily out of work, the disabled and the elderly."

In some instances, clients may be unaware of eligibility for federal aid of any type. The Creek Nation Social Services acts as an information and referral service for Indian people to various agencies. The program will assist clients in filling out applications and forms and obtaining needed documents.

A recent example of their referral service is that of a divorced mother from a disabled veteran to apply for assistance for the children through the Veteran's Administration. Another example is that if a parent is disabled or deceased, children under 18 could possibly be eligible for either Social Security, Supplemental Security Income or Veteran's Administration assistance. In some cases, disabled children, themselves, are eligible to draw benefits.

#### Employment Assistance Program

Currently, the unemployment factor in the Creek Nation overall area is around 11 per cent. Through the Employment Assistance Program, another Bureau program now under the direction of Creek Nation and assigned under Social Services, can relocate clients who have found employment elsewhere. While participants are awaiting the first paycheck, Employment Assistance will supply them with expenses for food, rent and utilities, and even uniforms if necessary for the job. They will also supply limited amounts for moving expenses. Sanders said, "The Employment Assistance Program tries to make it as easy as possible for Indian people to situate in an employment related environment. The program does not supply job training, but can make referrals to the Creek Nation Job Training Program."

#### Burial Assistance Information

Burial Assistance is available through the Social Services, provided no other resources are available. A \$510 maximum payment will be made directly to the funeral home. The deceased must have been at least a quarter Indian and must have resided within the Creek Nation boundaries at the time of death. Application can be made by the next of kin.

#### Disaster Assistance Information

Disaster Assistance is also available on a one-time payment for burn-outs, flooding, etc., and will be evaluated to see if an insurance payment has not been made before a Creek Nation payment is made.

#### Social Service's Field Offices

Within the next three months, the Creek Nation Social Services Program will extend into Muskogee and Wagoner Counties. Future plans

include a Muskogee Field Office to be open two days a week. Presently, other field offices in operation are at Creek Nation Sapulpa Indian Health Clinic each Wednesday, Holdenville at the Twin Rivers Community Action each Tuesday, and the Creek Nation, Eufaula Indian Health Clinic each Thursday.

The Creek Nation Social Services staff include: Kevin Sanders, program manager; Patty Factor, In-take counselor; Will Anquoe and Mike Rodriguez, social workers.

The office is located in the Executive Building at the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee and is open each working day from 8:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m. For more information telephone 918/756-8700 and ask for Social Services.

## Creek Named Chief Judge Ft. Hall Tribal Court

Betty Rushing, Creek, of Albuquerque, N.M. has been named Chief Judge and Court Administrator for the Fort Hall Tribal Court.

Ms. Rushing is a University of New Mexico Law School graduate. She has served as Director of the Special Scholarship Program in Law for American Indians at the American Indian Law Center and has taught university courses in Indian law.

She also provided training and technical assistance on the Indian Child Welfare Act and most recently developed a curriculum in Indian law for the Albuquerque school system.

A New Mexico native, Ms. Rushing is the granddaughter of the late Melissa Douglas, Eufaula. She is the niece of Clarence F. Douglas and Mrs. Jerlene King of Eufaula.

## Elaine Branch Elected Thlophlocco Town Chief

Thlophlocco Tribal Town Community, located six miles east of Okemah, held election of officers on January 7.

Elaine Branch of Tulsa and former Okmulgee resident was elected the new Tribal Town Chief. This marks the first time ever that a female has served in this four-year capacity. Presently, Mrs. Branch is a legal secretary for Cable and Gotwals, a law firm in Tulsa. She has previously served two terms as President of the Tulsa County Legal Secretary Association and one term as State President. She also was on the certifying commission for legal secretaries under the national level.

Other officers elected were Sam Yargee, First Warrior; Coley McCoy, Second Warrior; Billy Curry, Secretary; and Curtis Canard, Treasurer. Appointed to the Business Committee were: Maxine Harjo, John Hillman, Elmer Jimboy, Mike McCoy, and David Yargee.



ETTA CONNER

## Creek Woman Appointed Five Tribes Secretary

Etta Conner, Special Assistant to Principal Chief Claude Cox, was appointed Recording Secretary of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes by the Council's incoming President, Hollis Roberts, Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

The appointment came at the first Quarterly Meeting of this year, held January 13, at Tahlequah.

"I am pleased that Chief Roberts has expressed his confidence in my ability to assist the Executive Committee members of the Council. I hope to do a good job for the Council," said Ms. Conner. Her primary duties as Recording Secretary include working closely with the Council President, attending the quarterly meetings of the Council, recording the minutes and notifying Council members of the meetings.

Ms. Conner has been employed with Creek Nation as Chief Cox's Special Assistant for nine years. She is also a member of the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women and serves as Chairperson of the Daughter of the Trail of Tears.

## Creek Nation Surplus Sale

See Details On Page 11



## Conference Scheduled:

# NICOA To Bring Forth Critical Issues On Aging

By Kathryn Bell

The National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) has chosen Tulsa as the site for its Fifth Annual Conference scheduled March 28-29 announced Steve Wilson, Chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging.

The upcoming conference is critical to the issue of reauthorization of the Older American's Act which is expected to be on President Reagan's desk May 1.

The Older Americans Act will die this year, unless reapproved or extended through Congressional legislation. Doubtful that the Bill will not be reappropriated, Wilson is thinking in terms of additional funding specifically for the elderly Indians. "A definite policy statement on Indian aging is expected to be the final outcome of the conference," explained Wilson.

Presently, Title IV of the Older Americans Act has been cut 5.2 million. According to Alfred G. Elgin Jr., Executive Director of NICOA, "It is crucial for NICOA to get organized to deal with this problem. This cutback has drastically affected service to our elderly Indians."

Presently our census show 109,000 older Indians in the nation. Although economic need is a priority in the Older Americans Act for the elderly Indians, a Civil Rights Commission report on minority participation shows Indian participation very low," Elgin said. "The upcoming NICOA conference will develop and establish a policy statement to be presented to Congress addressing the under-involvement of the elderly Indians and

the reauthorization of the Older Americans Act," he said.

Wilson added, "Our statement will include a declaration of our concern, statistical information of elderly Indian needs, NICOA objectives and plans of action for carrying these objectives through. He further added, "With national Indian input from state aging organizations and the elderly Indians themselves from various tribes across the nation along with tribal and Indian service oriented institutions, a comprehensive, well-laid plan should evolve which should get the attention it deserves from our lawmakers."

The conference planning committee meeting was held January 12 at the Camelot Inn, Tulsa. The Oklahoma Council on Aging is the co-sponsor of the conference. According to Wilson, Tulsa was selected because of the number of Title VI (Older American's Act) elderly nutrition projects in the state (the state of Oklahoma has 14 Title VI programs).

The National Council on Aging was organized in 1976 and is currently headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Presiding over the planning committee meeting held in Tulsa were NICOA representatives Alfred G. Elgin Jr., Executive Director and Sherman Lillard, Planning Committee Chairman and Vice-President of the NICOA Board. Curtis Cook, NICOA Program Specialist was present at the meeting to facilitate committee plans for the conference. Cook has been involved with the development of national policy and preparation of testimony



Steve Wilson, left, Chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging and Sherman Lillard, NICOA Conference Planning Committee Chairman, confer at Planning meeting.

for the reauthorization of the Older American's Act.

Other NICOA board members attending were John Carlile, representing Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma; Pat Woods, Chickasaw Nation, Treasurer of NICOA, and Vice-Chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging.

The Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging board members attending included: Steve Wilson, NICOA Chairman representing the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma; Sam Stool, Jr., Cherokee Nation; Janie Sweeden, Osage Nation; Wanita Clifford, Potawatamie Tribe; and Robert Pinezaddleby, Cecelia Blanchard, Cordelia Emmett and Rudy Cleghorn, all of the Anadarko area.

Attending as guests were Paul Stabler of the Tulsa Area Council on Aging for the City of Tulsa and Jeanne Lunsford, Chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission and Title VI

Director for the Chickasaw Nation.

The 1984 Conference is open to Indian elderly nationwide and those who are interested in Indian elderly concerns. The conference will be held at the Sheraton Kensington Hotel, 71st and South Lewis Avenue. Workshops deal with concerns of the elderly such as: Social Security, entitlements that are available to the elderly, transportation, medicare, medicare, and other available health services will be conducted throughout the conference. Several prominent Indian speakers will be on hand giving lectures about elderly concerns. Special activities are planned including a pow-wow, tribal dress revue and entertainment.

For more information contact Steve Wilson, Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447, or telephone 918-756-8700.

## Open Letter To The Creek People From Allen Cook

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following letter was written by Alan Cook, Route 1, Holdenville, Oklahoma. The Muscogee Nation News takes no responsibility for the letter content. It is the policy of the Muscogee Nation News to publish Open Letters To The Creek People from Creek as a means of communication for the Tribe.

I would like to bring to the attention of Creek people, and in particular Tuckabatchee, a matter which should be of great concern. I refer to a situation involving the Tuckabatchee ceremonial ground located six miles north and one and three quarter miles east of Holdenville.

Tuckabatchee established this site in the late 1800's in the time preceding United States government policy of allotment in severalty. Unfortunately the government in its attempt to discourage, and even eradicate, the practice of native religion made no attempt to exclude ceremonial grounds from the allotment process. In this manner Tuckabatchee, or at least land it is located on, and like so many other ceremonial grounds, was given over to individual ownership.

Tuckabatchee, however, continued to view the site as tribal land and functioned as an active ground there until the mid 1960's. The majority of Tuckabatchee walked away from their ground in those years, but the fire has continued to be attended. The ground is still alive and it still retains religious significance for many. There has been an attempt to keep the ground in a natural state free from exploitation and there remains religious restrictions governing activities on the site, not the least of which is that the ceremonial ground must never be used for personal gain.

The people who hold title to the property however state that they have the sole right to dispose of this ground as they see fit. In the last year they have begun taking timber off of the site which they sell for their own gain. This action by its nature and in the manner by which it is accomplished is in violation of these religious restrictions.

I would contend also that the physical site itself is in eminent danger due to proposed future exploitative endeavors. What is perhaps most critical is the fact that these people are

now attempting to block any access to this ceremonial ground regardless of religious responsibilities of those who attend to the ground.

You see, these property holders have no respect for anything unless it immediately beneficial to them and they feel that they can get away with their actions because they assume all people are the same and that no one will speak up for Tuckabatchee. I hope that this is not the case.

These acts violate the Tuckabatchee ceremonial ground as well as Creek natural law and the 1st amendment right ensuring religious freedom.

I contend that only Tuckabatchee can govern and determine the use of their ground, moreover, it is their responsibility to protect their ground. Creek people in general must share in this responsibility because of the enormous religious, historical and political significance this mother ground has had and does have for Creek people. Most often I am convinced that, like these property holders, people in general scarcely know what history is, much less value it, though there always seems rhetoric which states otherwise and when convenient argues for preservation of our past.

I have come to understand however that rhetoric and conviction and action in most people are vastly different

things. I hope that there remains at least a few people in whom these three things are more singular in purpose, and that these people will take an active interest in this matter. I am convinced that in recent years there has been established a legal basis to ensure preservation of these type ceremonial grounds. This is an endeavor that must begin quickly. And as is fitting, it must begin with Tuckabatchee. I invite your inquiry and your input and I hope your support.

Alan Cook  
Rt. 1  
Holdenville, Ok.

## FELLOWSHIP MEETING

The Indian Women's Fellowship of Okmulgee, invite all women to a weekly fellowship. A time of sharing and growing with the Word of God.

Our schedule for February is: Feb. 10-7:30p.m. at Jean Berryhill's, 611 E. 4th, Okmulgee; Feb. 18-2:30p.m., Okmulgee Indian Community Center. This is a special meeting. We will have three speakers: Rev. Tom Berryhill, George Autaubo, and Tony Hale. Special music and testimony will be lead by Nigel Bigpond. A covered dish dinner will be served after the meeting. Feb. 24-7:30p.m. at Jack Sunagowle's, 301 W. Peking, Coweta, and Mar. 1, 7:00p.m. at Cynthia Strausse's 705 W. Creek Dr. Okmulgee, Ok.



# Celebration Of Life. . .

## Martha Tiger at 95

By Kathryn Bell

To some as they near their later years, the past is hard to let go of and the future is approached with uncertainty and apprehension. But not for one spry Weleetka resident, Martha Tiger, who turned 95 last December. To her, the past "was yesterday - I'm looking forward to tomorrow!" she chirped. Although she never loses sight of the value of experience that only time can teach or the joy of the present - her life is in celebration of what can be hoped for and accomplished tomorrow.

In the evenings after her work is done, Martha, who is widowed and has lived alone for 27 years, sits down in her well-worn chair by the window, and enjoys the last warmth of the wood stove to reflect upon the day's activities and to plan for tomorrow. "Every evening between 8 and 9 p.m., right before I go to bed, I sit here and think of what I'm going to do tomorrow. I look ahead to the future," she said thoughtfully. "If I'm doing something today, I want to know what I'm going to do tomorrow. But I always say - 'If I live to see the next day - I'm going to do this or that.'"

Tomorrow for Martha means rising early, building a fire, eating breakfast and then doing the morning chores. In the afternoon she works at the crafts that she loves to do and gives as

presents to appreciative family and friends, and pieces quilt tops - her passion, although due to poor eyesight, her pattern pieces may not be in perfect geometric order, but beautiful none-the-less.

Her hands, although delicate like her small frame, are still strong and never idle - they tell of a legacy of a hard but fulfilling life; "I've done a man's work and a woman's work, too. I helped to build this house, I worked in the fields, made garden, and when the old man (her late husband Willie) would be making something outside - I'd be right there helping - hammering, sawing, and nailing - and still had time to raise and take care of my kids," she said softly. Martha and her husband had nine children and raised seven of them. Five are still living, along with a number of grand and great-grandchildren.

Living within a mile radius of her present home east of Weleetka, all of her 95 years except for the two years she and her husband spent near Eufaula, Martha is emphatic about remaining right there. "I love this homestead, my children were born here and I'm not going to move unless it's in my coffin," she said curtly.

A daughter, Pansy Watts, who moved back to Weleetka from California, checks in on Martha every



Martha and great-niece, Etta Conner, hold their family history - a Bible presented to Martha by her mother upon Martha's marriage to Willie Tiger in 1908. Etta is the daughter of the late Bessie Wiley, who was Martha's niece.

day and takes care of whatever her mother cannot do, such as chop wood, carry it in, and other harder chores that must be done.

Martha, frail in appearance, still possesses remarkable stamina, although her considerable activities have curtailed in recent years. She no longer gardens or maintains her grounds or raises chickens. The last year that she raised chickens, she was surprised one morning while gathering eggs, by a snake in the nest. She reluctantly gave up her chickens.

However, Martha still maintains a fairly independent lifestyle, and in good weather, has been known to walk the four miles into town, if she had no ride. She still makes her own lye soap and sofke. And no matter what she's doing, she does it with enthusiasm and optimism. She doesn't have the depression and hopelessness that often stereotypes the elderly; "I enjoy this life and this world," she said appreciatively.

Although Martha says that she is very seldom lonely ("I've got my dog Butch and my klt-kats to keep me company") her daughter confided that her mother sometimes does feel a tinge of sadness as she recognizes the automobiles of friends and relatives going by on the highway in front of her house - "She wonders why they don't stop like they used to," said Mrs. Watts, who added that her mother also gets restless if she has to stay inside, due to the weather, too long. "But then I just take her out someplace special to eat like Holiday Inn." Generally, Martha is too busy to be down for too long. "When I get the blues, I just usually get up and get busy at something," she said.

Martha's resiliency and firm grasp on reality has allowed her to take the ups and downs that occur during the normal course of a lifetime. Speaking of her life, she said "It was hard times sometimes, but it didn't look it - we always had enough to get by on." She was born in 1889 in a log house one mile from her present home, one of eleven children of Lambert and Lucy

Scott. Martha's father came from Mississippi over the Trail of Tears and upon arrival in Indian Territory, took up farming. He also worked at the Creek Council House. The children attended the Wetumka Boarding School, where Martha often got so lonely for home that she would run away to come home. "We only got to come home on Christmas and I'd get so lonely - I'd run off but always get a whipping when I got home."

Martha's tribal town is Tuckabatchee and her church is Thewarle.

Sharing her feelings about growing older, Martha remarked, "If you do right and are kind to everyone, you'll live a long life. The old folks used to tell me that I'd have a long life..."

Martha's advice to other elderly - "Keep on going!" Adding, "Sometimes I get sick and I might near die with it, but I get up and go. Right now if I feel so bad, I get up and do something. Don't just sit and hold your hands - keep on going and don't give up." Not one to hold her hands or give up, Martha doesn't sit in front of the t.v. for endless hours either, but rather she depends upon her inner vitality for motivation and inspiration.

What have been the highlights of her life - Martha's face softens as she recalls the birth of her babies, her grandchildren and other important events in her life - "I always enjoyed going to church (Thewarle), that made me happy," she said, then adding seriously, "until they didn't like me any more then I quit going for 32 years." She paused, then laughed, "but then I went back again and still go if I have a ride."

Although Martha appreciates most of the progress that has been made in modern times, she still feels that there are certain things that were done better in her day - discipline of children, for one; "These children aren't being raised right - I raised mine to mind me, but these young girls come in with their kids to your house and they are in to everything. I raised mine with a strap - but these kids don't mind."





## Celebration of Life...

Also on her list of disapproval are short dresses. "I'm three-fourths Creek and proud of it - that's why I'm old-fashioned and I don't go for these short dresses!" She then recalled with humor how she was asked to wear a dress that she considered to be too short to wear as the Parade Marshall for Weleetka's Pride Day; "They wanted to dress me up in that dress that was so short and little that you couldn't hardly walk in it." Martha received a plaque for being the oldest Weleetka resident.

Martha also dislikes white doctors - "When I got married and was sick, the old man would take me to the white doctor - but I didn't like it and I still don't like a white doctor! I don't use Indian medicine either," she replied emphatically. "When something is hurtin' I use BenGay or Absorbine Jr."

Having lived most of the history of a young Oklahoma, Martha (generally impatient with questions about the past) conceded to talking briefly about statehood and legendary Creek, Chitto Harjo. "Well, you see, the Indians didn't want Oklahoma to come in as a state - so when it finally came in, the government men would go and put stobs on the land sections and my Daddy hated it so bad that he'd pull those stobs up and throw them away..." Her memory of Crazy Snake was vivid but brief - "My brother was with him (a sympathizer of Harjo's) and also another man one time when they were being hunted.

They came through here hungry and I fed them," changing the subject, she went on, "I always give everybody that comes to my house something to eat if they are hungry. I don't send them away."

However, history, in Martha's estimation, is not always progress - as in the case of the historic space walk for our nation - "I thought that was just awful," she said in indignation, "These earth people are not supposed to go up like that - up there is what makes it hot and cold and change of weather, and it's God's territory."

The charming face, creased with the imprint of just plain living, softens as she sums up her life - "I guess I've done everything in my life that I've wanted to do - and I still like to do the same thing all the time."

As the MNN staff and great-niece, Etta Conner, prepare to leave after a delightful morning spent with Martha and her daughter, Pansy, we asked Martha if we had made her nervous with all of the taping, talking and photo taking - "No, you didn't make me nervous - I like company and I like to talk," she replied cheerfully. We asked her if she minded us putting the article and her picture in the paper - "Oh", she answered, "I figured you was going to do something like that - but I might break your cameras!"

As we said our final good-byes, she called after us - "I've got my hickory almost ready for sofke - so ya'll come back and watch me make it." We will.

## Creek Spokesperson for Fair Utilities

Jorene Coker, a spokesperson for the Fair Utilities Coalition, was in the MNN office recently to comment on information released in the "Rate Watchers" bulletin regarding the Oklahoma Supreme Court ruling against Public Service Company of Oklahoma. The information, taken from the newsletter, is as follows: The Oklahoma Supreme Court has ruled in favor of the Coalition For Fair Utility Rates (CFUR) affirming that the Public Service Company owes its customers \$15 million per year for overcharges dating back to 1976. Including compound interest at the same rate PSO charges its customers for late payments (1½% per month), PSO would owe each customer \$700.

Charles Cleveland, P.E., Executive Director of CFUR, said, "This is a sweet and timely victory for the ratepayers. However, we have grave concerns that the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) will not order PSO to refund the full amount, with interest, for the full time period that PSO has been overcharging us." Statements by Howard Motley, OCC Director of Public Utilities, indicate that he intends to reduce the full amount owed by PSO, in spite of the Supreme Court decision. Motley claims there were mathematical errors even though the court ruled otherwise on the point.

PSO was first ordered to refund the overcharges in May, 1980, but instead appealed to the Supreme Court and then applied to the OCC for more increases. The OCC gave PSO increases of \$41 million in December, 1980, \$25 million in October, 1981, \$13 million in January, 1982, and

\$354 million for the cancelled Black Fox Nuclear Plant in May, 1982 (which has also been appealed to the Oklahoma Supreme Court.) PSO is currently seeking \$81 million more in hearings scheduled before the OCC this month. Their increases cost the average customer \$490 per year.

Mrs. Coker stated that she was advised by Mr. Cleveland that PSO has already filed an appeal, and the Coalition is now seeking funds to oppose the appeal. Speaking for CFUR, Mrs. Coker said that the group would appreciate contributions to assist in opposing the appeal. Checks or money orders may be sent to the Coalition at 4620 E. 11th, Rm. 205, Tulsa, Ok., 74112.

## Charla Wilkinson Wins Regional Contest for "Our Diamond Miss"

We had reported in a previous issue of MNN that Charla Wilkinson had won the Lawton "Our Diamond Miss" Pageant held in December. We now report that Charla, 14, has won the Regional Contest held January 21, at Altus, Ok.

The honor student won in three categories in the 13-16 age division: Talent (she performed a Modern Jazz dance), Photogenic, and Modeling. She received three trophies, two banners and two crowns.

Charla will go on to compete in the State "Our Diamond Miss" competition in June at Lincoln Plaza in Oklahoma City.

The Creek girl is the daughter of Imogene Wilkinson and the niece of Charlie and Jorene Coker of Okmulgee.

## Business Profile



Jerry Floyd, new Operations Manager for KRLQ

## KRLQ-97FM Indian-Owned

KRLQ-97FM, Muskogee, this area's first Indian-owned radio station, officially went on the air January 20, with a format of local and national news, sports and adult contemporary musical entertainment.

The station, located on North 11th Street in Muskogee, is owned by Linda Parish of Trail of Tears Communications. The company also owns KRLQ's sister station, KMUS. "Our station is a rarity in that there are very few Indian or minority-owned radio stations. I am really excited to have this opportunity to be involved with the radio station," said Parish, Choctaw, who provides the unique aspect of a woman-owned radio station. Parish, a Certified Public Accountant with a business background, stated that the plans for the station, after a three-year process, culminated in May last year when the FCC granted them permission to begin construction on the station's towers.

Parish is assisted in the enterprise by her husband, Rick, whose career

is in broadcasting.

Jerry Floyd, Creek one of seven employees of the station, has been named Operations Manager. "I enjoy working with KRLQ. I have been in radio for six years and this is the first station that I have had the opportunity to be with from its beginning - it gives me a sense of pride," said Floyd, who is on the air from 6-10 on weekday mornings.

Floyd also feels that the radio station will give Indians an opportunity to have a voice via this medium. "As far as I know, this is the only Indian-owned radio station in this region and I feel that because of this fact, we will be able to have a voice - for example, in the public service announcements that the station provides.

The 100,000 watt, 24-hr. stereo station, covers a broadcast area of over 20,000 square miles in northeastern Oklahoma, western Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas.

The station's primary 1,000 ft. tower is located at Broken Mountain, east of Lake Eufaula.

## Navajos Restructure Farming Program

The Navajo Tribe has refinanced its farming enterprise through the First Interstate Bank of Arizona. The tribe received a \$37.5 million loan. Part of the loan will be used to buy farming equipment and seed for spring planting, a Navajo official said.

Most of the loan, however, will be used to refinance loans arranged through the First Bank of Chicago. Tribal Chairman Peterson Zah told the Arizona Republic that the previous loans required much of the farm operations to be controlled by outside management.

The tribe has hired a new farm manager and assumed tribal control of

the tribal agricultural company. Zah also noted that the new loan will save the tribe about \$330,000 per year in financing costs.

About \$18 million of the total loan is guaranteed under a Bureau of Indian Affairs program. The tribal farming operations cover about 44,000 acres of land and employ 450 tribal members. Gross sales for 1983, Zah said, were \$18 million.

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# OBITUARIES

## SAM J. DIXON

Sam J. Dixon of Coffeyville, Kansas, died January 16 at St. John's Medical Center, Tulsa. Funeral services were held January 20 at Coffeyville. Interment was in the National Cemetery at Fort Gibson with graveside services.

Of Creek descent, he was born April 12, 1919 to Linley D. and Vollie (Scott) Dixon. He was educated in the Muskogee Public Schools, graduating from Central High School in 1937. He served two years with the U.S. Navy in World War II in the Southwest Pacific. He moved to Coffeyville in 1951 where he was associated with the Long Bell Lumber company and later engaged in the construction business. At the time of his death, he operated Dixon Realty Company which he founded in 1974. He is a member of St. Paul Episcopal Church in Coffeyville, the American Legion, Veteran's of Foreign Wars and the Masonic Lodge.

In 1939, he married Mildred Carpenter, who survives him. He is also survived by two daughters: Mrs. Larry (Jerry Ann) Kraft of Caney, Kansas, and Mrs. Tom (Vicki) Carpenter of Tulsa; a brother, William Dixon of Kansas City, Missouri and two sisters, Mrs. George (Ruby) Petenotte of Paducah, Kentucky, and Mrs. Remus (Lillian) Ragsdale of Muskogee; and four grandsons. Memorial donations may be made to the Creek Nation Foundation, Okmulgee or to the American Heart Association.

## CHRISTINE A. SEVERS

Funeral services were held January 18 at Sand Creek Baptist Church for Christine Severs with Rev. Charlie Fish and Rev. Jimmy Anderson officiating.

Mrs. Severs was born August 16, 1904 in Oklahoma. She was the daughter of Hettie Dunson and John Alexander. She died January 15 at her home in Wetumka. She had lived most of her life in the Wetumka community.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Simond, and her step-daughter, Lucy, who died January 6.

Survivors include one son: James Sawyer, Coweta; one half sister; Holly Kendrick, Pawhuska; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Pallbearers were Daniel Buck, Sam Yargee, Richard Dunson, Alec Fish, George Alexander and Sam Alexander.

## REV. JAMES MCCOSAR

Funeral services were conducted January 13 for Rev. James McCosar at Many Springs Church in Holdenville.

Rev. McCosar was born in Hughes County and had lived in Tulsa since 1958. He died January 9. He commuted to Okmulgee to serve as pastor of the Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church for ten years. He had served as pastor at several churches including Welkwa Baptist Church near Sand Springs.

Survivors include his wife, Vivian McCosar of the home, three sons, Bobby, James Jr., and Arthur, all of Tulsa, one daughter, Evelyn Tofpi, El Reno, one sister, Lizzie Factor, Wewoka, seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

## REV. WILLIE (SUDIE) ROBERTS, JR.

Funeral services were held January 12 for Rev. Willie (Sudie) Roberts, Jr. at Nuyaka Indian Church with the Rev. Dan Phillips officiating. Roberts died January 9 in the Veteran's Hospital in Muskogee at the age of 52.

He was born in Okemah, June 25, 1931. He attended school at Bacone in Muskogee, Seneca at Miami and later Chilocco. He was ordained at the High Springs Baptist Church and was a veteran of the Korean War, having served with the 45th Division, Co. C, 279th Infantry. Roberts was an interior and exterior painter and was self-employed in the Owasso area with the Creek Nation Indian Department at the time of his death.

Survivors include three brothers and four sisters, Stanley Roberts, Okmulgee, Rev. Harley Roberts, Okemah, Ladona Beach, Tulsa and Richard Henneha, Minnesota; one uncle, Samson Butcher, Castle; two aunts, Janie Knight, Okemah and Mandy Wesley, Checotah and a host of other relatives.

His pallbearers were his nephews and interment was in the Nuyaka Cemetery.

## AMOSEE RILEY

Funeral services were conducted for Amosee Riley, 87, January 10 at the Hutchachuppa Indian Baptist Church with Rev. Jesse Bryant officiating. Interment was in the Hutchachuppa Cemetery. The body was taken to the church January 19.

Mr. Riley of Route One, Weleetka, died January 17 in the Henryetta Medical Center. He was born August, 1896, in Okfuskee County. He was a member of the Hutchachuppa Indian Baptist Church. He married Nellie West in Okmulgee County and she preceded him in death in 1971.

Survivors include two daughters, Alice Harjo, Seminole and Sallie Watson, Henryetta; seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

## IMOGENE NOLEN WEST

Funeral services for Mrs. Imogene Nolen West were held January 27, in Bakersfield, Ca. at Hillcrest Mortuary Chapel with Rev. C.E. Hames of the First Will Baptist Church of Bakersfield officiating.

Mrs. West, who was born May 1, 1913 in Boynton, died Jan. 24 in Bakersfield, Ca. She was a resident of Okmulgee until moving to Bakersfield in 1953. She was employed at the Kern Medical Center until her retirement in 1973. Mrs. West was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, Kern County Retired Employees Association and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Bakersfield Memorial Hospital. A daughter, Jean West Richardson, preceded her in death in 1975.

Survivors include her husband of the home, a son Jimmy Lee West of Okmulgee, Ok., one brother, Frank Nolen, Lancaster, CA, five sisters, Thelma Cornfield and Nadine Whitfield, Bakersfield, CA, Virginia Lovelace, California, Ruth Perkins and Betty Jean Nolen both of Oklahoma, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## LUCY MAE TIGER

Lucy Mae Lindsey Tiger was born December 5, 1961 at Claremore, Oklahoma and died January 12, 1984 at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa at the age of 22 years.

Funeral services were held January 16 at the Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church with Reverend Harley Roberts officiating. Interment was in the Harjo Family Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Clarence Tiger, Jr. of the home in Sapulpa; one son, Frank Lindsey, Henryetta, and one daughter, Joella Tiger of the home. Her parents are Alex Lindsey, Henryetta and Amy Lindsey, Okemah; two sisters, Ann Lindsey, Henryetta and Katherine Powell, Henryetta; two half brothers, Sandy Watson and Thomas Watson, Eufaula; five half sisters, Delores Watson, Okemah, Roberta Lindsey, Susie Lindsey, Jeebee Lindsey and Liza Lindsey, all of Henryetta, and nieces and nephews.

## REV. JOHN JACOBS

Funeral services for Rev. John Jacobs were conducted January 21 at the Arbeka Indian Baptist Church with Rev. Bill Beaver and Rev. John Lowe officiating. Interment was in the Jacobs Family Cemetery. The body was taken to the church January 20.

Rev. Jacobs of Route Two, Henryetta died January 18 in a Henryetta nursing home. He was born December 1, 1903 in McIntosh County. He was a retired minister and served as a missionary preacher for many years, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Arbeka Indian Baptist Church. He married Susan Davis in Fort Smith, Ark. She preceded him in death in 1978.

Survivors include three sons, Samuel Jacobs, Checotah, Joseph and Timothy Jacobs, Henryetta; one daughter, Leona Josie, Henryetta; one brother, Louis Jacobs, Henryetta, 12 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

## LETTER OF APPRECIATION

The family of Dan (Bunny) Morgan, Jr. We are deeply grateful and appreciative for the love and kindness shown to our family in our time of sorrow. Many wonderful friends and relatives expressed their thoughts of support by prayers, flowers, cards, food and donations. The floral arrangements were so beautiful and deeply touching in their show of love. The members of the New Town United Methodist Church were so wonderful in the preparation of the meals. Their faithfulness was not unnoticed, even to the far reaches of family members from California. Our expressions of love and appreciation go to the ministers of the gospel, who gave so freely of their wisdom and strength of guidance from the Heavenly Father. Each minister who came and spoke in the services and prayed for us, we humbly thank you and ask your continued remembrance in your devotions. Once again, we thank the many wonderful friends and relatives. Honorable recognition is given to Chief Cox and the staff of Creek Nation for their support and prayers.

## Emergency Help Request By Junior Tiger Family

The family of Junior Tiger is requesting emergency financial help for him based on the fact that Junior lost his job around the first of the year and on January 12, his wife, Lucy Lindsey Tiger, passed away leaving him with an eleven month baby girl. At present, Junior still does not have employment.

Junior is the grandson of Melissa Harjo Tiger, Okemah and Nettie Deo, Hanna. He is the son of Clarence Tiger, Sapulpa and Lena Tiger, Hanna.

Christine Henneha, P.O. Box 372, Okemah OK 74859, is supervising this request. She stated they were planning yard sales, cake sales and Bingos with the proceeds to go to Junior. Dates will be announced later for these events.

Christine said, "I know all of us Indians are brother and sister in Indian way. We Indians are concerned for one and another, so we try to help the one in need. Also, we ask for your prayers to comfort Junior and give him courage, faith and strength to go on forward. If you wish to donate, we have different contacts around your area."

The contact people are: Lena Tiger, P.O. Box 383, Hanna OK 74845; Earnestine Henneha, Creek Nation Complex, Higher Education Program, 756-8700 or P.O. box 183, Okemah OK 74859; Sally Tiger, 704 S. Walnut, Sapulpa OK 74066; Valerie Little Creek, Strother High School, Seminole OK 74868, phone 405/382-5422; and Christine Henneha at the above address. Christine said they thanked one and all.



## OVER THE RAINBOW

By Elmer Jimboy

Somewhere over the rainbow  
There's a town where people glow  
Somewhere over the rainbow  
The town is Lawrence, you know  
It has no hospitals now, you see  
However, now all x-rays are free  
The farmland shows no signs of erosion  
Except for a b-i-g hole  
caused by the explosion  
Lawrence, Kansas is what it was called  
It's survivors walking, each charred  
and bald,  
Some never have been on a diet  
But now they all have to try it  
One asks another "Can I give you a hand?"  
"Yes, try that one over there in the sand."  
Relatives and friends, all those that  
mattered  
Once a community, now they've been  
scattered  
The ladies have no housecleaning chores  
It's rather hard with no house on the doors  
The children are happy with no school  
today  
They hoped for years it would blow away  
Two winos, sobering up at last  
Said "That party sure was a blast."  
Sally's mu-mu has been torn in two  
Now she's wearing only a mu  
If you're looking for Billy, just call out  
He's standing somewhere in the fall out  
The town lies so solemn and quiet  
And for two cents, you could probably buy  
it  
But if Lawrence is the rainbow's pot of gold  
Chances are, it could never be sold



# Creek Ex-P.O.W. Returns to Korea

The following article was submitted by Riley R. Bruner, World War II P.O.W. and retired U.S. Army Master Sergeant. The article details the trip back to Korea that he and other WW II P.O.W.'s made recently.

On September 5, 1953, I walked across the Bridge of No Return. Crossing from North to South Korea, I was being returned to U.S. Military control. I was captured in November 1950 and was a prisoner-of-war until that September day.

A group of Ex-Pow's returned to Korea in October 1983. I was one of them. The return visit was sponsored by and paid for by the Korea War Veterans Association. The Ex-Pow's had to pay their own transportation. It was a good trip since we were able to visit with friends and buddies we had not seen for a very long time. Those that didn't get to make the trip will hear all about it in October 1984 at Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Our reunion will be held there.

We were taken to the United Nations and Eighth U.S. Army Headquarters for a briefing. There we were brought up to date on events from 1953 to the present. Representatives from both the U.S. Army and the Korean Army gave us their views of the situation.

The rest of the week was crammed with activity. We were on the go from very early morning to late afternoon. We visited the Seoul Tower, the Olympic Sports Complex, the Korean Exchange Building, the War Museum and the National Cemetery in Seoul. Leaving Seoul we next visited the Korean Folk Village, Inchon (Suhong and Freedom Parks), Freedom Village and Panmunjom. There were ceremonies, all very colorful, in several of the parks that the Ex-Pow's participated in.

On the evening of our second day the Korean War Veterans Association gave a reception and banquet. It was requested that a military uniform be worn, if possible. Quite a few uniforms were visible that evening. The host, General (Retired) Kim Chong-hwan and his lovely wife, greeted each guest. They also posed for photographs. Pictures were taken throughout the cocktail hour.

Each veteran was presented the Korean Service Medal. As each name was called the veteran stepped forward and received their military decoration from General Kim. This was their way of showing their appreciation and thank you for helping them in a time of need.

The banquet was an elaborate affair. The meal consisted of a mixture of western and Korean dishes. Kimchee was plentiful, too. At each table was a Korean officer of field grade rank. These English speaking officers kept things going at a very lively pace. A band from the Korean Army special services played good western music during the meal. After the meal there was about an hour of song and music. The entire show was led by a young female soldier. She set the tone and pace for the rest of the evening. The final number was "When the Saints Go

Marching Home" and a chain was formed and wound through and around the tables.

A short speech was given by General Kim. He thanked all veterans and the United States on behalf of the Korean Army, Korea and its people for their contribution to the war. He, also, asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence in honor of those killed in action. Brigadier General Virgil Banning, UDMC (Retired) spoke on behalf of the group. He thanked the Korean Veterans Association for their friendship and hospitality. A toast to the Presidents of the United States and Korea was proposed by General Banning. And so our evening ended.

The last day of our visit was at Freedom Village and the De-Militarized Zone. There was another ceremony at Freedom Village. A lot of time was spent taking pictures and looking at the various monuments and displays. The old Freedom Bridge is still there, it is no longer in use. A new bridge has been built and is the only entrance to the De-Militarized Zone (DMZ). None of the Ex-Pow's could remember crossing it in 1953.

Our next stop was at a tunnel, known as tunnel no. 3. This tunnel and others in the area was dug by the North Koreans in an attempt to surprise South Korea. Most of the group went into the tunnel as far as allowed. It is guarded by soldiers with a cage of parakeets. The birds will detect poisonous gas if it is released by the North Koreans in the tunnel.

At the troop compound near the demarcation line we were briefed on the do's and don'ts while there. We had to sign a release stating that we would hold no one responsible for any incident that might happen while we were there. A stop was made at a group of buildings where all meetings between the U.N. Command and the Communist North are held. Inside is a table that runs the width of the building. Down the middle of that table is a telephone line. That telephone line separates North Korea and South Korea. The Ex-Pow's were allowed to go to the north side of the table for a picture. There was one or two that would not cross the line. The North Koreans have several observation posts and a headquarters in the immediate area, so we were watched by them with binoculars. There is little doubt that they photographed us, too.

Special permission was required for us to go to the next place. The outpost (US) is at a little known and unused bridge. This is the Bridge of No Return. All Ex-Pow's walked across this bridge when they returned to military control in 1953. Only the Ex-Pow's were allowed to get off the bus and have pictures made. Mrs. Maggie Dodds, a freelance photographer and journalist was allowed to do the photography. That stop really excited the North



As a young private in the Army, Bruner is shown in this photo, left, taken at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, in 1941. In right photo, Bruner is shown in 1963 as a Master Sergeant.



Master Sergeant Bruner (Retired) being presented the Korean Service Medal by General Kim Chong-hwan (Korean Army Retired) in Seoul, Korea, October 1983.

Koreans. They could be seen running from post to post and positions nearby. As the evening sun began to set our tired little group returned to Seoul.

We came away amazed at the changes that have taken place in a short span of time. There are no more mud huts or coarse off-white, hand made clothes. It is a modern country now. Modern cities, roads and freeways. The farmers do much less manual labor now. There is modern mechanical equipment every where.

Mr. Bruner, 63, was born and raised at Carson, south of Dustin. On September 4, 1940, he enlisted in the Army and chose the Second Infantry Division at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Bruner stayed with the division through the European War. Later, he

went to Korea with the First Battalion, 29th Infantry. The Battalion was redesignated 3rd Battalion, 35th Infantry. He was captured while with this regiment and remained a prisoner-of-war to the end of the conflict.

Bruner, a Master Sergeant at the time of his retirement from the U.S. Army in 1963, was recalled to active duty in Vietnam. While there, he served with Company "C", 31st Infantry, American Division. He was severely wounded at the end of that tour and was sent to Brooke General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. After 18 months in the hospital, he returned to retired status with 70% disability. He and his wife, Josefa, live in Irving, Texas.



## ECHOES FROM ARBEKA: Election of Officers, Bingo Scheduled

By Eliza Hicks

It's been a few moons ago since we submitted a piece of palaver but our reporter lazied out on us. Anyway, I think the weather kinda got to all of us and we sort of dug in and stayed put.

Let's see if some of our recent activites won't come to mind. Halloween — we had a great carnival and masquerade. Dart throws, fish ponds, basketball throws, nickel pond, refreshments, and a hilarious time. Ruby Parkhurst was approached by a dirty ol' man with glistening, beady eyes and she screamed and backed off. Ain't no way for an unattached gal

to be, but just as well 'cause the D.O.M. turned out to be a very attached father, Roman Hill. Better luck next time, Ruby. Every year our Halloween party gets better and we hope it gets bigger. Proceeds from the carnival went into a fund to provide treats and gifts for the kids at our annual Christmas tree. Thanks to all who helped.

In November we had our bi-annual election of officers who are: Houston Hicks, Chairman; Edmond Birdcreek, Vice-Chairman; and Eliza Hicks, secretary-treasurer. After the meeting we had an early Thanksgiving dinner

which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Since Christmas came on Sunday this year we celebrated ours a week early so that our members could be with their own families over the holidays. We started with dinner which most of the kids were ready to forego in their anticipation of opening the packages under the tree. The snow started falling as Santa was getting dressed (in a pickup) and by the time the program got around to his entrance time, Santa was all aquiver. Seems he might have been a little frosted. There were candy and gifts for all and much holiday fervor. By this time the snow was beginning to cover the ground so most of the crowd left for their homes but some of us who didn't have to drive far stayed and played jackpot bingo, finished up dinner leftovers, and went out into a beautiful scene of fluffy snow covered tree limbs and more of it falling. Mother Nature was putting on quite a show.

We started our monthly bingo beginning January 21st and again on the third Saturday of each month thereafter. At our June bingo we will give a nice bonus to the person who has chalked up the most bingos between now and then. We'd like to invite one and all to our games. We aren't "big time" so our prizes are still grocery items but at today's prices, that's not too bad. Starting times for food sale and bingo are 6:00 and 7:30. We also have a cash jackpot game at halftime and another after the last regular game. Makes your evening a little more interesting.

Make February a good month and I hope Cupid visits you on Valentines Day.



MARILYN ROSS

## Weleetka Postmaster Dedicated To Job

Marilyn Ross, as Postmaster of the U.S. Postal Office in Weleetka, strives for the goal of providing the best possible service to the town's Postal Service customers - and through her dedication to her job and the community, she succeeds in this goal.

Mrs. Ross began her postal career in January, 1971 as a part-time flex clerk in the Dustin Post Office. She later transferred to the Weleetka Post Office where she worked as a clerk until her appointment as Postmaster on May 6, 1977.

During her years of service as Postmaster, Mrs. Ross has had numerous types of postal training, one of which includes Postmaster Trainer for EAS 13 and 15 offices. This position entails training newly appointed Postmasters and OIC's. She is also a member of the Promotion Review Committee for EAS-15 offices.

Involved in civic and community projects, Mrs. Ross has served as Past President of the local Chamber of Commerce, and is currently on the Staff Development Committee and Vocational Home Economics Advisory Board at the Weleetka High School. She and her family attend the First Baptist Church of Weleetka.

Mrs. Ross, who is 7/16 Creek, graduated from Hanna High School in 1967, and is married to Benny Ross. They have one daughter, Stephanie. Mrs. Ross is the daughter of Lorene Chisholm Hamontree and the late Marvin Hamontree of Dustin. She is the granddaughter of the late George and Lydia Chisholm of Hanna.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### OKFUSKEE INDIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

By Sharon and Darla Hicks

The Okfuskee Indian Community held their monthly meeting at Joe Hicks residence at 8:00 Monday night, January 9.

All members attended that were able to attend. Most of our community members have been ill, because of the cold weather.

During the month of December, the young members cut wood for every family in the community. We would like to thank those who participated in helping. During that month we also had a drawing for a hog and the winner was Ida May Little from Seminole, we would like to thank everyone in our fund raising.

The birthdays for the month of December were Shelley Marie Hicks, Lorene Hicks, Ernest Perryman, Irene Cully, and Jesse Hicks. We wish them all a belated Happy Birthday. January birthdays were Curtis Harjo, Susie

Gammile. We wish them a Happy Birthday and many more.

One of our members is in the hospital at Oklahoma City, Louise Deeringwater. We are happy to say she will be home soon. Juanita Harjochee will be going into the hospital on the 26th, we wish her the best.

We would also like to remind everyone that the Okfuskee Indian Community will be having their monthly bingo on the 28th of January, we hope everyone will come.

This concludes our report for January, we hope everyone stays warm and dry. May everyday be filled with rainbows and happiness.

### OKEMAH SCHOOL LISTS HONOR ROLL

The following students of Okemah Middle School were listed on the Honor Roll for the first semester, ending January 6, 1984: (an Honor Roll student is selected by making an A in each class of their schedule) **7th GRADE:** Anne Bowen, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Don Bowen, Okemah; Alisha Daniels, daughter of Mrs. Frances Daniels, Okemah.

#### B Honor Roll

**6th GRADE:** Alven Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Barnes, Okemah; Jennie Fisher, daughter of Charles and Betty Fisher, Okemah; Toney Lee, son of Tunney and Jaquette Lee, Okemah; Harley Smith, Jr., son of Harley and Arlinda Smith, Okemah; and John Zeintek, son of Michael and Linda Zientek, Okemah. **6th GRADE:** Kolby Johnson, son of Mike Johnson and Marilyn Shepard of Okmulgee and Okemah; Brian Gourd, son of Mrs. Sherri Gourd, Okemah; Jennifer Landers, daughter of Marvin and Jana Landers, Okemah; Darrell Tilley, son of George and Loe Tilley, Okemah; Daphne Zink, daughter of Lucy Givins, Okemah; Elliot Scott, son of Mose and Eloise Scott, Okemah; Vickie Woford, daughter of Bill and Sara Woford, Okemah.

**8th GRADE:** Laura Givins, granddaughter of Lucy Givins, Okemah; Elliot Scott, son of Mose and Eloise Scott, Okemah; Vickie Woford, daughter of Bill and Sara Woford, Okemah.

These grades were reported by Freeman Zunigha, Okemah Public Schools Indian student counselor.

### OKMULGEE INDIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

By Rachel Thomas

The monthly meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Cora Deersaw. Prayer was given by Linda Cusher.

Leah Stacy, Okmulgee District Representative to the Creek National Council gave a report on the recent swearing-in ceremony for the representatives. She announced that the planning session for the council members was scheduled at 6:30, January 19 and the next council meeting was scheduled January 28. Ms. Stacy will have an office in the Mound Building, one day a week or you can call her at home anytime between the hours of 9:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m.

Steve Landsbury discussed having a workshop on food preservation to be held June 12 at 6:15 p.m. at the OIC Center.

The Annual Valentine Sweetheart Contest was discussed and the community stated they would like to have it again this year. There will be six categories, birth to age 14. For more information and entry forms contact: Cora Deersaw, 756-6171; Chiquita Juneau, 756-4996; Gayle Bevenue, 756-4752; or Rachel Thomas, 756-6819. The winners will be announced February 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Center.

The door prize was won by Stella Bridges. Forty people were present at this meeting.

### Canning Workshops Scheduled in Six Creek Communities

Beginning in March, 1984, the Creek Nation will be having six home canning workshops throughout the Creek Nation. The Canning Workshops are being funded by the BIA FY-84 Agriculture Extension Grant and all tribal citizens are free to attend.

The Canning Workshops will be presented to all tribal citizens interested in learning the proper procedures when canning and preserving meats, fruits, and vegetables.

Workshop presentations have been tentatively scheduled with the following six communities:

**BRISTOW INDIAN COMMUNITY**  
March 22, 1984 - 6:00 p.m.  
Mutteloke Church

**WETUMKA COMMUNITY CENTER**  
March 29, 1984 - 6:00 p.m.  
HANNA COMMUNITY-SCHOOL

**CAFETERIA**  
April 16, 1984 - 6:00 p.m.  
COWETA COMMUNITY CENTER

May 14, 1984 - 6:00 p.m.  
OKMULGEE COMMUNITY CENTER

June 12, 1984 - 6:00 p.m.  
MUSKOGEE COMMUNITY

FIFE MEMORIAL CHURCH  
Sept. 17, 1984 - 6:00 p.m.

For more information call 756-8700 ext. 346.

**Next Council Meeting February 25**



# -PUBLIC NOTICE-

## Creek Nation Surplus Property Sale

Closed bids will be accepted until March 1, 1984, 5:00 p.m. by Creek Nation on items which have been declared as surplus by the Tribe. This sale is in accordance with NCA 83-17, an ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation providing procedure for the disposal of surplus tribal property. Creek Nation reserves the right to reject all or any bids and final approval will be made by Principal Chief Cox.

All items are listed by number and can be inspected during regular working hours at the Creek Nation G.S.A. building located on Eufaula street, at the south end of the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee.

The bids should be in sealed envelopes and mailed to: Creek Nation, Surplus Sale, Attention: Newman Frank, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447. The bid should include: the amount; the bidder's, address and telephone number; and the number and description of the item being bid on.

Bids will be opened March 2, 1984. The highest bidder will be contacted either by mail or telephone. Goods must be picked up by noon, March 12, 1984 and paid for by cash or a cashier's check made out to Creek Nation. For more information contact Newman Frank, 918/756-8700.

### -THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE LISTED FOR SALE-

#### TRIBAL VEHICLES

1. 1974 Chevrolet Pickup-  
s/n CCY144S112516
2. 1973 Ford Pickup-  
s/n F10YKQ43325
3. 1976 Ford Van-  
s/n E23HHA88371
4. 1977 Chevrolet Vega-  
s/n M5B7UI10492
5. 1977 Ford Pickup-  
s/n X25HKY51856
6. 1977 Chevrolet Motor Home-  
s/n CPY3773309167
7. 1979 Ford Pickup-  
s/n F26SLFA5634
8. Solo John Deere Scraper
9. 1978 GMC Pickup-  
s/n TCL4485529185
10. 1978 Pontiac Phoenix-  
s/n 2Y69U8W105536
11. 1963 Ford Pickup-  
s/n F10JD470085
12. 1967 Chevrolet Station Wagon-  
s/n 153357S181813

#### MISCELLANEOUS

1. Victor Calculator  
s/n 102-15379 Mdl 620
2. Hoover Cleaner-  
s/n 00100236
3. Hoover Cleaner-  
s/n 00100004
4. Lawnmower, Yazoo-  
s/n 557069
5. Rototiller, Sears-  
s/n 3468WO8285
6. Rototiller, Sears  
s/n 3478WO8406

28. Weedeater, Electric, B&D
29. Weedeater, Electric, B&D
30. Weedeater, Electric, B&D
31. Weedeater, Electric, B&D
32. Weedeater, Electric, B&D
33. Weedeater, Electric, B&D
34. Weedeater, Electric, B&D
35. Weedeater, Electric, B&D
36. Weedeater, Electric, B&D
37. Weedeater, Electric, B&D
38. Weedeater, Electric, B&D
39. Weedeater, Electric, B&D
40. Fan, Portable
41. Chain Saw, Prt., Husqvarna-  
s/n 1103190
42. Chain Saw, Prt., Husqvarna-  
s/n 1101051
43. Chain Saw, Prt., Husqvarna-  
s/n 1110L10
44. Chain Saw, Prt., Husqvarna-  
s/n 1100456
45. No Item Listed
46. Weedeater, Gas Motor  
Model 9020
47. Weedeater, Gas Motor-  
Model 9020
48. Chain Saw, McCullough-  
s/n 6000130
49. Chair, Straight Plastic
50. Chair, side w/o
51. Rototiller, Sears-  
s/n 3138WO6041
52. Rototiller, Sears-  
s/n 3138WO1515
53. Rototiller, Sears-  
s/n 3138WO6037
54. Rototiller, Sears-  
s/n 3138WO1524
55. Rototiller, Sears-  
s/n 319WO01520
56. Lawnmower, Wizard 18"-  
No Engine
57. Lawnmower
58. Lawnmower, Yazoo-  
s/n 561372
59. Lawnmower, Yazoo, No Engine-  
s/n 1160600182
60. Lawnmower, Yazoo-  
(no engine, no s/n)
61. Lawnmower, Yazoo-  
(no engine, no s/n)
62. No Item Listed
63. Lawnmower, Yazoo-  
s/n 557065
64. Lawnmower, Yazoo-  
s/n 562408
65. Lawnmower, Yazoo-  
s/n 561371
66. Lawnmower, Yazoo-  
s/n 557082
67. Lawnmower, Yazoo-  
s/n 566337
68. Lawnmower, Yazoo-  
s/n 557068
69. Lawnmower, Yazoo-  
s/n 566362
70. Lawnmower, Yazoo-  
s/n 568576
71. Lawnmower, Yazoo-  
s/n 566332
72. Lawnmower, Promow-  
s/n 5011231
73. Weedeaters (Box of five assorted)
74. Chair, Rotary w/a
75. Desk, Double Pedestal, Mtl.
76. Chair, Rotary w/arm
77. Chair, Rotary w/o, Typist
78. Lawnmower, Yazoo-  
s/n 562112
79. Lawnmower, Yazoo-  
s/n 557062
80. Weedeater, Paramount-  
s/n '0004766
81. Weedeater, Paramount-  
s/n 00049345
82. Weedeater, Paramount-  
s/n 0006376
83. Lawnmower, Paramount-  
(no s/n)



## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The following Home Emergency Checklist was furnished by the CHR's in the CN Community Health Services program:

Keep the following basic supplies on hand for any emergency situation:  
**Food and water** - Enough should be kept on hand for several days. Plan on a quart of drinking water per person per day.

**Portable radio, lighting supplies** - battery-powered radio and extra batteries are a must, as well as a flashlight, candles and matches.

**First-aid kit** - It should contain basic first-aid supplies, such as bandages, disinfectant and aspirin.

**Extra medicine** - This includes an emergency supply of any medications that must be taken regularly.

**Fire-fighting equipment** - A UL-tested fire extinguisher, suitable for use on ordinary combustibles, flammable liquids and electrical fires (Class A, B and C fires) should be kept in the home at all times. All family members should know how to use it.

**Keep emergency telephone numbers handy** - These should include numbers for police, fire department, hospital, electric and gas utilities, ambulance, Senior Citizen Center/Nutrition Site and any other important community resources.



# Approved National Council Minutes of November, 1983

**INVOCATION:** Virginia Thomas

**CALL TO ORDER:** Kenneth L. Childers

**ROLL CALL:** Eight members were present and a quorum was declared. Members present were: Helen Chupco, Andy Bible, Carney Roberts, Richard Larney, Clarence Cloud, Sandy McIntosh, Kenneth L. Childers and Nelson Johnson.

All business transacted during this session will be considered valid and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

**INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS:** Tribal Attorneys from Washington, D.C. on Tribals Claims: Jon Waxman and Sandy McNabb were introduced.

**READING OF MINUTES:** The minutes had been mailed prior to the meeting. The Chair entertained discussion. Discussion was held and several recommendations for an amendment to the minutes were made as follows: Page 3- Correcting the voting results in the last paragraph which was left blank to read "Five in Favor, One Against, One Abstentions", and changing the yes vote to a "no" vote for Andy Bible. Page 4-Second paragraph - correcting the alphabet-letter (A) to (B).

**The Chair entertained a motion:** A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Larney to amend the minutes as recommended. A motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion Carried:** The minutes of September 24, 1983 were approved as read and will be recorded as such.

**(11-B) A Bill amending the 1983 Tribal Contracts Ordinance NCA 83-21. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101.** The Tribal Contracts Ordinance, NCA 83-21 as amended is hereby further amended at Section 153 (A) (2) by adding the following phrase: (c) Head Start (Expansion-Sapulpa) **Section 102.** The above program having been approved by the Muscogee Nation, the Principal Chief is directed to implement said contract upon receipt according to the requirements of the 1983 Tribal Contracts Ordinance, NCA 83-21 as amended. The Ordinance having been read the Chair entertained discussion. Discussion was given by Buddy York. Discussion: This "Bill" was requested by the Second Speaker and it was her recommendation that this "Bill" "Do Pass". **The Chair Entertained a Motion:** A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Cloud to approve the "Bill" 11-B as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion Carried.** "Bill 11-B entitled "Amending the 1983 Tribal Contracts Ordinance NCA 83-21 was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**(11-C) A Bill Amending the Tribal Contracts Ordinance NCA.** The Bill was presented to the Council for consideration during this session. Introduction of this "Bill" was made by Chupco, Second Speaker. This item having been recommended for placement on the agenda during this session for legislation action. **The Chair Entertained a Motion:** A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Cloud to place this item on the agenda for consideration. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion Carried.** Bill (11-C) was placed on the agenda for consideration.

**The "Bill" (11-C) was read and considered as follows: Section 101.** The 1984 Tribal Contracts Ordinance NCA-83-21, as amended is hereby further amended at Section 201 (E) by adding the following sentence: "Whenever a contact, notice of grant award or other final action approving any tribal proposal is received by the Principal Chief, the Principal Chief shall forward a copy of final action to the National Council, noting any differences between the approved proposal and the final action." **The Chair Entertained a Discussion.** None **The Chair Entertained a Motion to Approve.** A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Larney to approve (11-C) as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion Carried.** A Bill (11-C) entitled "Amending the 1983 Tribal Contracts Ordinance NCA 83-21 was approved as read and will be entered into the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as such.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**(11-D) Approving a Oil and Gas Lease on Tribal Property between TXO Production Corporation and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation** was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** The Oil and Gas Lease between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and TXO Production Company of 700 Midland Center, OK. City, Ok. 73102 for a term of three years at a cash bonus of \$28,545.64 for the following described lands; "Lot 1; SE 1/4 NE 1/4; SE 1/4 S 1/2 SW 1/4; NE 1/4; E 1/2 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section Five Township Eight North, Range 14 East, USA in Trust Containing 374.32 acres more or less, is hereby approved by the Muscogee Nation. **The Chair Entertained a Motion.** A motion was made by McIntosh and seconded by Johnson to approve (11-D) as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion Carried.** (11-D) was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

**(11-E) A Bill entitled 'Approving and Oil and Gas Mining Lease on Tribal Lands Between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and "BEC" Energy, Inc., of Tulsa, Ok.** This Bill was not discussed during the Planning Session and was not placed on the Legislative Calendar, however it was requested by the Principal Chief that it be placed on the agenda for legislative action during this session. **The Chair Entertained a Motion to place this item on the Agenda.** A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Cloud to place this item on the agenda for consideration. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion Carried.** (11-E) A Bill will be placed on the agenda for consideration. **The Bill was read and considered as follows: (11-E) Approving an Oil and Gas Mining Lease on Tribal Lands between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and BEC Energy INC., of Tulsa.** **Section 101.** The oil and gas lease between the Muscogee Nation and BEC Energy, INC., of Tulsa, Oklahoma is hereby approved for a cash bonus of \$3,156 at 20% royalty and for a term of three years for the following described lands: "Undivided 1/2 minerals; W 1/2; NE 1/4 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Section 10, Township 10 North; Range 10 East, containing 120 acres more or less in Okfuskee District. **The Chair Entertained a Motion For the Approval of (11-E)** A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Chupco to approve a "Bill" (11-E) as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion Carried.** (11-E) a "BILL" entitled "Approving an Oil and Gas Mining Lease on Tribal Land between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and BEC Energy INC., of Tulsa, Oklahoma was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Discussion. The Speaker advised the Council that Clarence Cloud and Sandy McIntosh had been attending the meetings of the Executive Committee on the Agri-Business Interim Board and haven't been paid a stipend, and it was through their request that a

recommended for a "BILL" be drafted authorizing the payment of a stipend to them. **The Chair Entertained a Motion For The Approval of Drafting a "Bill" authorizing the payment and to place the item on the agenda.** A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Johnson to place the item on the agenda. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against, and no abstentions. **Motion Carried.** A "BILL" would be drafted and placed on the agenda for legislative action during this session. During the drafting of this "BILL" the meeting continued with Sandy McNabb and Jon Waxman giving their report. Upon completion of the report, the "BILL" (11-F) was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** Effective October 1, 1983, Tribal Ordinance 81-23 as amended is hereby further amended at Section 101 to read: "The Compensation of the Representatives to the National Council of the Muscogee Nation is hereby established at: A) A salary of \$250.00 per month, paid according to Tribal Personnel Policy Procedures to compensate Representatives for attendance at monthly planning session, regularly scheduled sessions, special sessions and extra-ordinary sessions, plus B). A Stipend of \$50.00 per meeting for each Representative who attends a meeting of any National Council Committee or any tribal board to which that Representative belongs because of an assignment by the National Council. **The Bill Having Been Read The Chair Entertained Discussion.** Discussion was held. **The Chair Entertained a Motion:** Once. Twice, Three times. The Bill (11-F) died from a lack of a motion.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

**(11-G) A Bill Amending NCA 83-40 Providing Compensation for Representatives Serving On the Executive Committee of the (Agri-Business) Interim Board. Section 101.** Tribal Ordinance NCA 83-40 is hereby amended at Section 102 by adding a new sentence to read as follows: "National Council Representatives to who attend Executive Committee meetings shall be compensated \$50.00 per meeting from program funds and compensation for each member shall be retroactive as of August 1, 1983 and remain effective until April 1, 1984. **The Bill Having Been Read, The Chair Entertained a Motion.** A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Lamey to approve the bill as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Motion Carried.** A Bill (11-G) was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

**OTHER BUSINESS: NONE**

**REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, OTHER DISCUSSION**

1. Planning Session, Wednesday, December 30th, 1983 at 6:30 p.m.
2. Council Meeting, Friday, December 30th at 1:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Richard Lamey and seconded by Clarence Cloud to adjourn and by a unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned.

**BENEDICTION:** Helen Chupco

## Bureau of Census Reports on Indians

A supplementary report issued by the Bureau of the Census gives a detailed listing of occupations of American Indians and Alaskan Natives and also shows the number of years of school completed by age groups. The report identified 1,179 Indian or Alaska men and 761 women as teachers in colleges or other post-secondary schools.

In the elementary and secondary schools there were 4,504 men and 11,086 women working as teachers. There were 3,457 men and 262 women who were engineers, architects or surveyors.

Indian and Alaskan talent in the fine arts was reflected in the figures showing 3,271 men and 2,164 women made their living by being writers, artists, entertainers or athletes.

In the health field, 386 male physicians were listed and 127 women, along with 175 male nurses and 3,681 female nurses. There were also 927 men and 4,209 women who were health technologists or technicians.

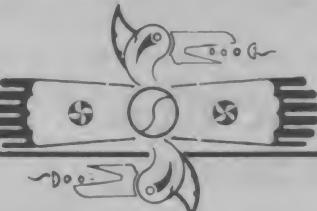
In the table showing the years of school completed, the report includes only persons in the labor force. This means persons at least 16 years of age who are working or available for a job. It excludes, therefore, students over 16, aged people not able or interested in working, mothers of large families not in the job market and others.

The report showed 546,457 American Indians and Alaska Natives in the labor force. Of these, 192,603 had completed less than 12 years of school. The report, PC80-SI-8, is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.



**EXCUSE US!**

The story we ran on Peggie King in the December issue of MNN was not written by Jorene Coker, it was prepared by Mrs. King's daughter, Beulah Simms.



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## Oklahoma Indians Unite For Political Equality

A recent upsurge of solidarity among Oklahoma Indians has surfaced in the form of assembling to discuss common issues which are affecting and hindering our tribal governments in the practice of sovereignty and delivery of service programs. Recently two meetings have been held in our state's capitol city reflecting the importance of Indian uniformity to gain needed attention from our legislators in determining the distribution of tax dollars. Most of the Indian tribal governments have been in a long, but uphill, struggle to regain much deserved political status.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation is recognized as a valuable and viable resource for this project. Although, our own tribal problems are many and great, we are able to set our goals and accomplish even more than expected because of the leadership qualities of Principal Chief Cox, the ability of our administrative staff to follow and implement his directives, and the genuine concern and dedication of most of the members of the National Council to legislate with a positive and progressive approach. The following is an account of the efforts of Oklahoma Indians to secure what is rightfully theirs.

By Helen Chalakee

Two separate meetings have been held recently in Oklahoma City by Indian Tribes and organizations in hope of reviving a unanimous front by Oklahoma Indians in support of Indian equality with national and state agencies in the distribution of federal tax dollars.

Earlier in the month, Oklahoma for Indian Opportunity (OIO), sponsored by the Administration for Native Americans (ANA), conducted a meeting with the intent of tribal leaders and the State Department of Human Services (DHS) getting together to insure the best possible service delivery for DHS' Indian constituents.

Elimination of service overlaps and gaps were to be the main issues discussed. The Creek Nation, in particular, has taken the stand until state agencies become more educated to tribal programs; and, until tribes make more of an effort to have their service programs recognized at the state level, the overlapping and gaps will continue to exist.

Although, much needed information about how to access DHS programs was the goal of those attending the workshops - very little hard information was given out to the Indian participants.

The dialogue of newly-appointed ANA Commissioner William Engles was ambitious and carefully worded to present a less than accurate picture of cohesiveness between state and tribal governments. Engles lightly called for better relationships between state and tribes. "It's time for state governments to reach out and get acquainted with

its counter parts--Indian tribal governments and state/local governments can no longer afford to ignore each other. They are all in peril if they do," he surmised.

The Indian people who were attending the meeting voiced their concern over the past inaccessibility of DHS programs for Indians and questioned the DHS representatives for answers - however, no pat answers were produced either by DHS officials or Engles.

Engles, who is an Oneida Indian, addressed the luncheon on the background of ANA and what could be literally termed, a white man's version of Indian history. For a very brief period, he did touch on treaty rights, but not to the extent which is needed by Indians in the throes of termination.

Phase out of Indian programs and denial of federally funded economic ventures is the hundred-plus year old concept of Andrew Jackson when he initiated the campaign to 'move out the Indians' during the infamous Trail of Tears era.

"We're in the way, again!" exclaimed Jack Thorpe, Tribal Chairman of the Sac and Fox Tribe, at the "Oklahoma Indian Forum" held two weeks after the DHS meeting. "We have something the white man wants... our lands and our mineral rights," he said. Chairman Thorpe is in the process of removing encroaching mineral seekers off the Sac and Fox tribal lands.

The "Forum" was called to bring together three national Indian organizations: the National Tribal Chairman's Association (NTCA), the National Indian Education Association

(NIEA), and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).

Again, 'uniformity' was the key word, but more in a spirit of 'essentialism' for Indian tribes if they are to address common issue to legislation. Each tribe has their unique problems, but when brought to the forefront with other tribes, one large basic complaint can be identified as a common issue. Mega-support by all the tribes on these issues and complaints gain the needed attention for them to be heard in Washington.

Bob Gann, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, stated the reason being for non-activity of our law makers is because we do not hold them accountable for enacted legislation. He went on to say, "Presently, we have to rely on a few organizations to articulate our wishes. We need Indian people who will run for public office and they need your support and encouragement. We need to chart a direction as Indian people".

**Gann advised Indians to become more vocal and active, and to identify Indians living in 'Indian Country' who are eligible to vote.**

Newton Lamar, Chairman NTCA, said he recently testified for 177 tribes in Washington against an amendment to CFR-25, giving authority to the Secretary of the Interior to invest tribal trust money without setting a rate of return for the investment. Lamar also told of subtle content in SR-1999, giving the Commissioner of Indian Affairs the authority to close any Indian school he wants. He added, "Our 'Washington Redskins'" - referring to persons such as Ken Smith

and Forest Gerard - are not attending to the responsibility of Indians."

Elmer Sevilla, Executive Director NTCA, suggested BIA policy needed monitoring with a watchdog effect. He cited the recent reduction of 5.89 per cent in the BIA Education Funds as an example. Sevilla explained that sec. 19 of the Indian Reorganization Act definitely states before a budget can be submitted to Congress, the BIA has the responsibility to go over that budget with the Indian tribes and because of the BIA's lack of compliance to this law, we must stand together to see things happen as they should.

Sevilla predicts we will be on the threshold of termination in five years. He said, "We should stick to the terms of treaty, instead of negotiating... The government says get off federal funds and develop economic resources," then he declared, "Why should we get off the federal dole - we have a right to federal help - everybody else does" Farmers are grabbing at Payment-in-Kind (PIK), why in hell shouldn't tribes get their share."

One spokesperson suggested our priorities should include "Indian" history taught in Oklahoma educating the public to tribal governments.

Dean Chavers, a member of the NIEA surmised, "The local guys just don't want Indian tribes to have a political status... and it is a political status, not a social status."

The Oklahoma Indian Forum was sponsored through the efforts of Cherokee Nation with the assistance of many Oklahoma tribal leaders and officials and spokespersons for the three national organizations.



Creek Nation representatives to the DHS meeting, James Floyd (center), Steve Wilson (right) and Helen Chalakee (back), talk with Commissioner Engles about his lighthearted ANA policy statement.

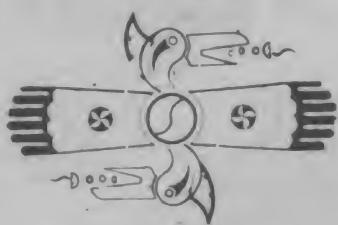


## N.A.S.A. Pow Wow...

The Native American Student Association of Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, will sponsor a Pow-Wow April 6 and 7 in the University Center Ballroom.

Master of Ceremonies will be Sammy "Tonekei" White. Hosting the event will be the N.E. Tia-piah Society. A.D. will be Ron Moses, Head Man Dancer - Lowell(Skeet) Russell, Head Lady Dancer - Phyllis Narcomey, and Head Singer - Ralph Zotigh.

No alcoholic beverages allowed and not responsible for accidents.



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### LETTER TO THE CREEKS:

The purpose of this letter is to ask your readers for information about my Creek ancestors. My great-grandfather was James B. Butler, a full-blood Creek, born 1832, died March 4, 1883 and buried at Hoffman Cemetery. It is said that he had at least one sister, Hannah. No doubt James was born in Alabama or Georgia and was brought to the Indian Territory as a small child sometime during the years 1834-38, the period of Indian Removal. He belonged to Tuckabatchee Town in the Territory.

My great-grandmother was Dinah Kinha, a full-blood Creek, the daughter of Willie and Cinda Kinha. She had at least one sister or half-sister named Chotka (Chotkee) Kinha. Dinah belonged to Tulsa-Canadian Town in Indian Territory.

James (Jim) Butler and his wife Dinah had two small children, Martha, born 1877, and Emma Mary, born 1880. This family lived in the Hoffman area. Martha and Emma Mary had at least two half-brothers, Sam, born 1866, and Legus, born 1883, both of them Butlers.

For my ancestral record, I need the following: James B. Butler's birthplace, his parents names, tribal towns, and clans; Dinah Kinha's birthdate and birthplace, her parents tribal towns and clans; also any other information pertaining to the Butlers and Kinhas.

Please contact me if you can give me any information.

Mrs. Wanda Bowden Zellner  
12368 Horseshoe Trail SE  
Albuquerque, N.MEX 87123

### TO THE CREEK VOTERS OF OKMULGEE DISTRICT

From: Richard Larney

I want to thank you for your support and loyalty while I was in the office of Okmulgee District Representative to the National Council and also during the past election. Even though I am not currently serving in that position, my thoughts and prayers are with the Creek Nation. If I am called on again to serve, I will be ready and willing! I wish the Creek Nation good luck in their every endeavor.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Revenue Sharing

A proposed hearing for general revenue sharing purposes will be held on March 19, 1984, for all interested citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The amount of general revenue sharing funds to be discussed for this fiscal year is \$101,396.00. The meeting will be held at 3:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of possible uses of general revenue sharing funds at the Mound Building in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comment on uses of the funds. Senior citizens are encouraged to attend and comment.

## Letters...

### DEAR CHIEF COX:

The Morning Star Ministries would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Creek Nation for the use of the auditorium this past January and for the use of the dining hall for our meetings.

The Flaming Sword concert was a success and we appreciate the Creek Nation Security and Creek Nation Maintenance Department in helping with this endeavor.

We deeply appreciate you sharing in the concern for our peoples spiritual needs, and your open heart in receiving the Morning Star Ministries.

We will continue to lift you and the Creek Nation up in prayer, and praise God that His will is being seen here at the Creek Nation.

In His service,  
Morning Star Ministries

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

I want you to know several persons have expressed appreciation on your current reporting of the National Council meetings.

They like to receive the news, but they don't like two or three months old news taking up two to four pages. People tell it like it is to express themselves sometimes. So keep up the good work!

Helen Chupco  
Muskogee District Representative

### DEAR CHIEF COX:

We thank you for the donation for our eating expenses on the Oklahoma City field trip. We all had a good time!

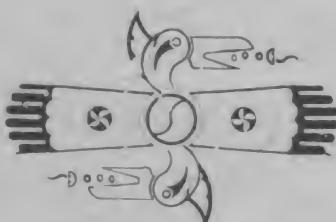
### HANNA SCHOOL INDIAN STUDENTS

### Gospel Singing...

The Buckeye Baptist Church will hold a Gospel Singing on March 17th at 7:30 p.m. The M.C. will be Al Brown.

### -NOTICE- CN Pigs For Sale

Feeder pigs are now for sale to Muscogee (Creek) tribal members at the Creek Nation Agri-Business, Dustin site. The pigs will weigh out 200-220 pounds each and will sell four cents below the current OKC market price. Contact either Bill Killingsworth or C.L. Guinn about purchase. All transactions will be made by cash or cashier's check made out to the Creek Nation Agri-Business. For information on prices each day, call Debbie McGirt at 918/656-3218 or 3502. Buyers must provide their own hauling transportation.



### TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter in the form of appreciation of investigative reporting from staff member Helen Chalakee. This is in reference to the January minutes of the Council meeting. Specifically in mind is the final transaction of the Michael Gower incident.

Personally, I think the council member which brought this action forward concerning this individual should have investigated this incident prior to presenting it to the council to make sure it was a valid complaint.

As an experienced, established council member, he should have known the procedure in the presentation of such an inquiry. It is my understanding that this is a new council and their first meeting. Under circumstances such as this, the established council members should set precedence on how to conduct themselves during a meeting.

The in-depth reporting by Helen Chalakee was very informative and necessary for the ordinary layman and Creek people in general to be involved and voice their complaints or appreciation. Please convey my personal thanks to Ms. Chalakee and encourage her to keep up the good work.

As a voting Creek member, I would like this procedure to continue in the future by the Muscogee Nation News. Also, I would recommend board training for all council members as it is definitely needed as evident from the January meeting. Non-agenda items should have been tabled and rescheduled for a future meeting. Then an investigation should follow due procedure and presented at the next meeting. The house speaker should have a liaison between council members pertaining to such council incidents.

As a four year Board of Directors member for the American Indian Center of Dallas, Texas, I am speaking through past experience. Not to criticize the council members, but to aim them in conducting smooth and productive future meetings.

YOUR CREEK BROTHER  
John N. Thomas, 6072 Lands End Circle, Dallas TX 75231



# February Council Meeting

By Helen Chalakee

No transactions were brought before the Muscogee (Creek) National Council for the February meeting under the call for either 'Old' or 'New' Business. However, under 'Items for Consideration', a "Public Gaming Ordinance" was placed on the agenda and passed.

The ordinance is now on the desk of the Principal Chief for his consideration. If the Chief views the ordinance acceptable, it will become the basis for tribal bingo operations. If not, he will return it to the Council with recommendations for improvement.

The ordinance passed the Council with an all but three majority vote. "No" votes were cast by Sandy McIntosh, Joe Fox and Alexander Thomas.

An amendment to NCA 81-29 was put on the agenda under "Items" in reference to the status of Council Parliamentarian. It was recommended by committee to delete the word 'office' and replace it with 'position'. Also, the position should be filled by a citizen (meaning, not necessarily a full citizen of 1/4 or more blood quantum) of the Creek Nation. Robert Trepp had been appointed parliamentarian for the day for this particular meeting.

The subject of a funding source for the parliamentarian's salary was discussed and the amendment was again assigned to committee for further examination.

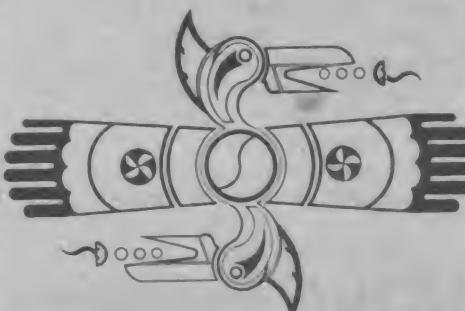
Another option for the position of parliamentarian had been discussed at other meetings, that being that the position could be placed within the Council deeming it unnecessary for the Council to pay out extra salary expenses.

Announcements were called for and Speaker Roberts commended Chief Cox on the two-day orientation work-

shop recently conducted by the Administrative staff for the Council. Each phase of administrative operation was presented by program supervisors, along with hand-out material containing all the information available on funding sources and operational procedure and functions. The information was categorized and bound in book form. The National Council now has in their personal possession access virtually all administrative operational procedure.

Personnel complaints were brought up by the Speaker. He commented that he was ready to get out of the 'personnel business' and wanted to know how that should be handled. Mark Downing, Director of CN Human Development Division, explained procedure for the CN personnel policy guideline.

Dates were set for the March Planning Session on the 15th and the March Council Meeting on the 31st.



## Citizen's Participation H.U.D. Meeting Scheduled

A Citizen's Participation meeting will be held on March 6 and March 16, at 2:00 p.m. at the Elderly Nutrition Dining Room at the Capitol Complex in Okmulgee.

This meeting is being presented in order to permit the Creek Tribal members to examine and appraise the Muscogee Nation's application for funds under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program.

Tribal members will be furnished information concerning the amount of funds available for community development and housing activities and the range of activities that may be undertaken. Tribal members will be afforded an opportunity to review and comment on the performance under any active Community Development Block Grant. Any and all comments and views expressed by the tribal members will be considered and if it deems appropriate, modify the application and make the modified application available to the tribal members.

In addition, a Community Development statement will be posted at the Capitol Complex in Okmulgee that will afford affected tribal members of the proposed activity, an opportunity to examine its contents and submit comments.

All comments should be addressed to: Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Environmental Services Administration, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok 74447, attention: Ron Scott.



FROM THE OLDEST TO THE YOUNGEST all were winners at the Annual Valentine's Sweetheart Coronation, sponsored by the Okmulgee Indian Community. The Oldest Sweetheart, pretty Yvonne Bevenue, 13, holds the youngest Sweetheart, 4-month old Aaron Tecumseh, as Chief Cox presents the awards.

## Omulgee Indian Community Select Valentine Sweethearts by Contest

Valentine's Sweethearts were crowned by Principal Chief Claude Cox, in Coronation Ceremonies held February 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center. Ten were honored with the title of Sweetheart out of twenty contestants in the penny-a-vote contest sponsored by the Okmulgee Indian Community.

The ten winners each received a Plaque, crown, banner and a box of candy. The other contestants received prizes as well.

The winners were: Aaron Tecumseh and Carrie Tyndall in the Newborn to 12 months division; Shawn Tyndall and William Wacoche in the 13 months - 2 year division; Christopher Dunn and Annie Thomas in the 3-4 year division; Lauren Anderson (5-9 year division) and Mike Legrand and Wenona Bunny in the 10-12 year division; and Yvonne Bevenue in the 13 - 14 year division.

Cora Derrisaw, Chairman of the Okmulgee Indian Community, welcomed the guests to the coronation and Lilly Cox followed with Prayer. The program emcee for the evening was Okmulgee District Representative to the National Council, Bobby Hardridge.

Mahala Chalakee received warm recognition and a beautiful corsage for her effort and hard work on behalf of the contest.

The Annual Sweetheart Contest is the largest fund-raiser for the Okmulgee Indian Community. \$775.00 was raised from the contest, according to Mrs. Derrisaw.

Other Board members of the Okmulgee Indian Community that helped in the planning of the successful contest were: Vice-Chairman - Chiquita Juneau, Secretary - Rachel Thomas and Treasurer - Gayle Bevenue.

## CN Rodeo Queen Applications Available

Applications are now available for girls age 16 through 25 who are interested in competing for the title of 1984-85 Creek Nation Rodeo Association Queen.

Qualifications for the entrants include the above mentioned age limit, proof of degree of Creek Indian blood quantum, which must be at least one-quarter, and must reside within the state of Oklahoma. Contestants must be unmarried and remain unmarried throughout the reigning year.

The Creek Rodeo Queen will be representative of the attributes of the Creek Tribe. She will be the versed ambassador for the betterment, promotion and understanding of Indian rodeo and will be expected to make personal appearances at various functions throughout the year.

The contestants will be judged on a point system in four categories: 1.) Horsemanship, 2.) Western Dress, 3.) Personality, and 4.) Fund Raising. Entry deadline is May 18. For more information contact Phyllis Berryhill, Rodeo Queen committee member, at P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee OK 74447 or telephone 918/765-8700 ext. 204.

## National Council

The National Council Planning session will be held on Thursday, March 15, 1984 beginning at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers located in the Mound Building.

The Regular scheduled meeting of the National Council will be held on Saturday, March 31, 1984 beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the auditorium, located in the Mound Building.



## Wild Onion Dinners Scheduled

### THLOPHTOCCO CHURCH

Thlophlocco United Indian Methodist Church has scheduled their Wild Onion Dinner for Saturday, March 24 - 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Adults-\$3.50, children (under 12) \$2.50. The Psalms Trio and the Orphan Family will provide gospel singing.

### BROKEN ARROW CHURCH

The Broken Arrow United Indian Methodist Church will have their Wild Onion Dinner March 10. Everyone is invited. For more information call Reverend George Miller 486-4818.

### WITT MEMORIAL CHURCH

The Witt Memorial Indian Methodist Church will host a Wild Onion Dinner March 10, from 11:30 - 6:00 p.m. at the Church, which is located on 59th Place and Owasso in Tulsa (Turley). Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. Everyone is invited to attend.



# CN Feed Mill Producing Feed For CN Dairy Cattle

The construction of the Agribusiness Feed Mill is now complete, with the Mill fully operational and equipped for production of feed for the Agribusiness Dairy Cow and Calf operation. Any excess millage will be sold on the commercial market.

The Agribusiness is currently in the final stage of the first phase of a long-range, twenty-five year operation aimed at providing a base for tribal self-sufficiency. "The Feed Mill operation plays a very important part in the total Agribusiness operation," said Principal Chief Claude Cox. He continued, "In our long-range program we have set, as part of our goals, to serve the community by providing a market for local farmer's grain as well as providing finished feed products for those who wish to buy it. But right now, we are supplying for our own use." The Chief added that the Feed Mill operation had also had a positive impact on cutting feed costs at the Agribusiness - "In talking with Buddy York, Tribal Affairs Director, it was found that we were saving up to 25-30% on feed costs for our Dairy and Swine operation."

As the Chief explained, the Mill's capacity to process feed will cut costs and will stimulate the local farming economy by purchasing grain from them instead of paying high shipping costs to have it brought in from an outside source. This system, known as "closed loop agricultural production" system, will keep the revenue circulating from Indian citizens to tribal business, to outside enterprises, and back to tribal members and Creek

Nation by way of cooperative associations.

According to Mike Harjo, Supervisor of the Feed Mill, the process includes release of the corn, oats and soy from storage tanks, into the two-ton mixer, where varying amounts of minerals are augered into the mixer to process the correct mixture of feed for either cattle, calves, or pigs. The feed mixture commonly used for feeding the cattle at the Agribusiness is an 18% protein formula.

When mixed, the 4,000 pounds of feed is either augered from the mixer back to the elevator leg into tanks for storage or for sacking or can be deposited into vehicles as bulk feed and transported to the feeding sites at the Agribusiness.

In the grinding process, 16 tons of grain can be ground in one hour.

Credit is deserved by the Creek Nation Welding Training Program students who constructed the Mill.



## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED!

Laura Anne Wilson was honored with a dinner and party for her second birthday on January 26.

Laura is the daughter of Al and Sandy Wilson of Morris. She is the granddaughter of Jim and Carmen Fife of Dustin and the late Alvie and Ruth Wilson.

Laura's guests include Lois and Betty Barlett; Chris and Karen Hadley; and Evelyn Grogan of Morris; Lisa Brandy, Derek and Brian Fife; and Carmen and Jim Fife all of Dustin. Also Shelley, Yannah, Stacy, Phyllis, and Don Patrick of Cave Springs; Eddie, Lea, and Sharon Mouss; and Cinda, Jeff, Mary and Bill Fife of Henryetta; Colleen, Coy, and Jerry Wilson; and Sonya Walker all of Glenpool.

## Anita Floyd Bandy Selected Finalist For Mrs. Tennessee

Anita Floyd Bandy, daughter of Margaret and Joe Floyd of Eufaula, OK has been selected as a Finalist in the 1984 Mrs. Tennessee America Pageant.

Anita is a 1974 graduate of Eufaula High School and a former Frontier Airlines flight attendant. She is married to Wm. Lauren Bandy of Richardson, Texas and has one daughter, Lauren Ann, age 2 1/2.

The Mrs. Tennessee America Pageant is the state finals to the Mrs. America Pageant to be held in Las Vegas in April. Winner of the Mrs. Tennessee America Pageant will receive an all-expense paid trip to Las Vegas to compete for the title of Mrs. America, a round trip flight for her husband to join her, a diamond ring, a \$1,000 wardrobe and much more.

The 1983 Mrs. America Pageant, which generated a record turnout and participation of married women from every sector of the country, was won by Susan Goodman, a 31-year old dance instructor from Waverly, Tennessee.

## CN Legal Counsel Appointed Chairman Bar Association, Minorities Committee

Geoffrey Standingbear, Legal Counsel for Creek Nation, has received an appointment as Chairman of the Minorities in the Profession Committee of the Oklahoma Bar Association/Young Lawyers Division.

The appointment was made by Kay Bridger-Riley, Chairman of the Young Lawyers Division.

"I consider this appointment an honor and at the same time, I am looking forward to actually discovering the status of minorities in the legal profession, through my work on the Committee," said Standingbear. As Chairman of the Minority Committee, Standingbear's duties are; Survey and report to the Bar Association the status of the different minorities in the profession. The status would include; how many minorities, age, kinds of work they do, clients and cases, and how long it takes the minority member to become partners in law firms, as opposed to non-minorities.

The establishment of the Minority in the Profession Committee is a one-of-a-kind committee in Oklahoma, according to Standingbear. The Committee consists of eight minority members of the Oklahoma Bar Association, which is the professional association that all lawyers in Oklahoma must be a member of in order to practice law in the state.

"I hope this appointment to such an important new committee can benefit Indian people and all minorities that must deal with the legal profession," said Standingbear. "I am looking forward to working with the members of the Committee who are some of the most respected minority leaders in Oklahoma. It is my desire also, that this appointment will further add to the prestige of Creek Nation," he continued.

Before coming to work for the Creek Tribe in 1980, Standingbear, Osage-Creek-Sioux, was in private practice in Norman. He also served as Staff Attorney for the Native American Center in Oklahoma City.

He received his Juris Doctor from the University of Tulsa and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Oklahoma, where he was listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" and where he set an OU record for the title of Big Man on Campus, which he won three times.

Standingbear's membership in various professional associations include; Federal Bar Association for Western Oklahoma, Federal Bar Association for Eastern Oklahoma and the National Lawyer's Guild.

Geoffrey and his wife, the former Julie Brave, Osage - Cherokee, are the parents of four children and make their home in Glenpool.

## NOVA Features CN, March 27

Creek Nation health and nutrition programs will be featured on a PBS television program, "Make My People Live: The Crisis in Indian Health," airing Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. nationwide. The program is part of the nationally acclaimed NOVA series, and will explore the conditions of medical care for Indian people across the country.

Since the British gave them blankets infested with smallpox, the first Americans have not been well-served by the white man's presence. Indians received their first medical aid from the government in 1802 when the Department of War feared that a smallpox outbreak among Indians would spread to soldiers garrisoned nearby.

In September and October of last year, NOVA film crew visited the Creek, Navajo, Sioux and Tlingit peoples who receive, or have received, medical care through the Indian Health Service. The program examines a number of medical programs, from a half-condemned IHS hospital on an impoverished Sioux reservation, to the hopeful story of the Creek Nation which has taken control of its own health care system in rural Oklahoma. NOVA discovers that staffing such programs with Indian medics and doctors has helped to ensure their success in the community.

In "Make My People Live," Indian health workers and IHS administrators talk about Indian values and a perspective of health that is distinctly different from the views of Western medicine. Health is seen by Indians as a state of harmony with nature -- that physical, mental and spiritual well-being cannot be separated. Everett

Rhoades, the first Indian director of IHS, contends that American medicine as a whole can learn much from Indian concepts of health.

As Congress prepares itself for debate in April on the renewal of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, this NOVA program raises the question: has the American dream of "health for all" passed the first Americans by?

NOVA is produced for PBS by WGBH Boston and is made possible by grants from public television stations and the Johnson and Johnson Family of Companies. Check local listings for time of showing and channel in your area.

## MINERALS/MINING PROGRAM

The Minerals and Mining Program is now available through Creek Nation to Creek heirs and allottees who own restricted land within the Creek Nation boundaries. The program mainly consists of monitoring oil and gas leases to insure that the heirs and allottees are receiving their royalty payments in correct amounts and that the oil companies are not in violation of lease agreements. For further information contact A.J. Tiger, 918/756-8700.

## UMPIRE SCHOOL SCHEDULED

An Umpire Clinic has been scheduled March 24 at Creek Nation from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The clinic is open to both men and women, 18 years and over. Upon completion of the clinic, which costs \$15, you will be an ASA certified umpire, according to Judy Sarniento, clinic coordinator. Plans are to organize an Indian Umpire Association. For further information contact Judy at 224-4964 (8-4), 224-6000 or 224-8952 (after 4:30).



# "Let Us Continue In Unity", Theme of OICOA

By Kathryn Bell

The Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging (OICOA) met February 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission in Oklahoma City for their regular meeting.

The primary business conducted at the meeting included an update on plans for the upcoming National Indian Council on Aging Conference to be held at the Sheraton Kensington in Tulsa on March 28 and 29. "Let Us Continue In Unity" is the theme of this year's Conference. Creek Principal Chief Claude Cox will give the Welcome at the Conference, with Governor Overton James of the Chicksaw Nation delivering the Keynote Address.

A.C. Adams, of the Department of Human Services (DHS) was a guest at the meeting. He explained the services available through his program, the Visual Services Division of the Rehabilitation Department, that are available to Indian elderly.

In other action taken by the Council, a motion was passed to notify absent members that they should attend the OICOA meetings or send an alternate with a letter giving the proxy power to vote in their (members) behalf.

OICOA members discussed the importance of completing the Elderly Needs Survey by the tribes and Title VI directors. Completion of the survey is critical, feels OICOA, in order to have available, hard statistical data to impact DHS for much-needed services for Indian elderly.

Committees were established at the meeting as follows: Legislative Committee - Rudy Cleghorn, Cecelia Blanchard and Abel Noah; Resolution Committee - Patricia Woods, Jeannie Lunsford and Juanita Clifford; Membership Committee - Judith Perry, Janie Sweeden and Albin Leadingfox; Program Committee - Steve Wilson; and Planning and Funding Committee - Curtis Crow, Sam Stool, Jr. and Lawrence Snake.

Appearing briefly at the meeting was Bob Gann, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, who informed the OICOA members of bulk purchasing for the tribes, and who alerted the Council to the passing by the Senate of Bill Number 475, which is critical to Oklahoma Indian tribes in that it places accounting requirements on tribal enterprises such as smokeshops, arts and crafts, etc. Gann said that a \$1,000 felony penalty will be imposed for non-compliance. Gann further termed the Bill, "an erosion of tribal sovereignty." He stated that the Bill had slipped by the Commission and that there was no mention in the Bill wording of "Indian" or "Indian country."

Attending the meeting were: Steve Wilson - Chairman (Creek Nation), Pat Woods - Vice-Chairman (Chickasaw Nation), Judith Perry - Secretary (Choctaw Nation), Sam Stool, Jr. - Treasurer (Cherokee Nation), Member-at-Large Albin Leadingfox (Pawnee) and other OICOA members, Janie Sweeden (Osage Nation), Rudy Cleghorn (Anadarko Area) and Juanita Clifford of the Potawatamie Tribe sent alternate Joan Puetz Biaglon to represent the tribe.

Curtis Crow of the Miami Tribe was present and was voted in as an OICOA member, representing the Miami Agency.

Paul Stabler of the Tulsa Area Agency of Aging with the City of Tulsa was also present at the meeting.

The next scheduled meeting of the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging will be held March 27, after the Conference Reception, at the Sheraton Kensington in Tulsa.

## Conference Update

At the February 17 meeting, the Council decided that any resolution to be developed at the Conference should be geared to a national level rather than limited to a tribal perspective. Also, OICOA members were urged to encourage their elders to attend the Conference and to go back to their tribes and help raise funds for the elders to attend the Conference.

The Council expressed hope that the elders would voice their concerns and make their comments known in the various workshops on elderly concerns that are scheduled at the Conference.

The registration fee for the Conference is \$15 for Indians 60 and over and \$10 for elders if they are in a group of five or more. The registration fee for program people and others attending the Conference is \$25.

Special events planned for the Conference include a Pow-Wow, traditional fashion show, traditional dances, and other entertainment.

There will be four time periods devoted to workshops and two or three presentations of each one. Participants and presentors will be specially selected from authoritative persons in the various topical areas. These workshops will deal with National Aging Policy issues, Legislation, Income Support/Entitlement Programs, Housing, Transport-

ation, Health and Intergenerational Programs.

If you are interested in being an exhibitor, you are invited to bring, display, and sell your items. Booths are available for these on a first-come, first-serve basis. There is a \$15 charge for a booth with table and chairs. Electrical hookups will be provided by the hotel.

OICOA expressed their enthusiasm for the upcoming Conference and expectations are high for a good participation and overall successful Conference.

For more information on the Conference contact OICOA Chairman, Steve Wilson, Creek Nation, (918) 756-8700, Ext. 300. For registration information, contact the National Indian Council on Aging headquarters in Albuquerque, New Mexico, (505) 766-2276.

## Creek Recipes and Remedies To Be Published By CN

The Creek Nation Communications Center is in the process of collecting Creek recipes and remedies that are to be compiled into a book scheduled for publication at a later date.

We invite our readers to send in recipes of Creek dishes and remedies, as well as a history on how the individual acquired the recipe, if available.

Please submit your recipe in legible writing and with complete and understandable instructions on how to prepare the recipe.

Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number and if you wish to dedicate the recipe and to whom.

Some of the recipes will be photographed for the book. If you would like to call in a recipe, call Creek Nation Communications, 756-8700, Ext. 327.

## Letter to the Greeks From Evangelist E. Best:

"For the love of Christ constraineth us, because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves but unto Him which died for them, and rose again." -II Corinthians 5:14-15

As you read this letter, we will have begun this year's travels. We are looking forward with great anticipation to what the Lord will do this year. However, we thank the Lord for the short time we had close to home.

You with families will understand there are mixed emotions about leaving them for long periods. Also, as we have visited some of our area Indian churches we have seen the need of strong leadership. Many are without pastors. Some say, "Then, why not stay here and work?" Let me share an excerpt of a letter which we received a few months ago from a group of people from another state: . . . "In Oklahoma, they have had the gospel for at least 200 years and here just the past generation has had any instruction from the white missionaries. . . Would you consider the possibility of living among us? The letter was signed by 27 people. We wept as we read the letter. We have received this message many times over . . . the love of Christ constraineth us, that we should not live unto ourselves, but unto Him who died for us."

We have precious treasure in these earthen vessels, and not us, only but you who are born again. We have a commission to go. "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me . . . and there are many adversaries."

Pray for us. Along with the open door are the adversaries. We depend upon you and thank you for your prayers and support.

Your Missionaries  
to the American Indians,  
BROTHER ERNEST AND BENNIE BEST



Celebrating the Fifth Year Anniversary of the Creek Nation Headstart Programs, were this group of Headstart students from the Yeager Headstart Center. The lively program was presented at the Mound Building recently under the direction of Headstart staff; Raylene Stafford, Supervisor of the Eufaula Headstart and Jane McKane, Supervisor of the Yeager Headstart, and teachers and aides. The Creek Nation Headstart Programs provide early educational experiences and nutrition services to preschool age children in Creek Nation.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Muscogee Indian Community News

The Muscogee Indian Community was organized in February 1983 with a constitution and by-laws and became the first community organization to receive a Charter from Creek Nation Chief Claude Cox.

New officers for 1984 are: Lee Chupco, president; Barney Porter, vice-president; Lena Primeaux, secretary-treasurer; Bill Washington, Sr., Chaplin; Elizabeth Porter, Sergeant-at-arms. Budget and program committee members are: Barney Porter, Newton Cole and Lee Chupco. Membership Committee is Elizabeth Porter, chairman and Janelle Washington. Community Service Committee: Mae Mitchell, chairman; Bill Washington Sr., Phyllis Hampton, Jean Cole, Lillian Grannon, Robert Sumpka, Barney and Elizabeth Porter. Public Relation Committee: Lena Primeaux, chairman; Lula Sorgree, Phyllis Hampton, Lee and Helen Chupco. Refreshment Committee: Nancy Gray Downum, chairman, Lucille Houts and Lottie Billie.

The organization meets first Monday night, 7:30 p.m., of each month at Fife Memorial Indian Church, 901 E Okmulgee. After each meeting food is served by refreshment committee and everyone enjoys fellowship and fun. Attendance is from 20-40 people every meeting.

Activities are too numerous to mention, but a few of them have been 16 weeks of beading classes coordinated by Omega Welch with Hepsey Lowe as instructor. Steve Landsberry, Creek Nation Community Planner, conducted community workshop last Fall and he had several Creek Nation staff with various programs to present information on available resources. Helen Chalakee, Creek Nation News Manager, presented video tape at one meeting. Christmas dinner and program. Geoffrey Standing Bear, Creek Nation Legal Counsel, spoke on family law at the February 7 meeting. Basket weaving class is being taught now by Larry Crosslin with 18 enrollment. We are now publishing newsletter to mail to Indian community.

President Lee L Chupco says, "I'm proud of you people. Your enthusiastic support of Muscogee Indian Community moves me. So, I'll do my best to bring to you desirable information and helpful activities to enhance your daily living. Look! The best is yet to come."

If you notice a few days ago some Indians scrambling all over the hillside of Honor Heights -- that was Larry Crosslin and his students gathering honeysuckle vines for their basket weaving class.

As soon as Geoffrey Standing Bear, Creek Nation Attorney, finished speaking on the legal angles of marriage, divorce, and child abuse to MIC the other night, people started popping questions so fast that he missed the refreshments and almost didn't get to go home that night. (I hope Creek Nation will provide free legal counseling regularly with our people. We need it.)

If things go right (as it always does for MIC) Hvtke Fields will become our Director of Recreation of MIC at our March 5th meeting. (We see MIC winning all Creek Nation trophies already).

On March 20th, six persons will begin the fun of learning their own language -- Creek in a two-hour class, 7 to 9, every Monday night, in a ten week course taught by Lee L Chupco. (Why don't you come and have fun learning a better language).

"You are invited to our Revival Meeting at Butler Creek Indian Baptist Church, April 23-29," says Bill Washington, Pastor.

No word has been received yet about MIC's request for community building from the Creek Nation. LeRoy Jones, one of our most interested supporters has departed from our earthly fellowship and we miss him.

Why don't you suggest a good name for our Newsletter. Remember our next meeting of Muscogee Indian Community on March 6th, 7:30 p.m. We'll see you then. Have a good day everyday!

## Echoes From Arbeka

By Eliza Hicks

Mr. Groundhog tried to pull a fast one making us think we have six more weeks of winter before Spring, but this mild February makes us feel like Easter is just around the corner.

We had a pretty fair turnout of bingo players on the 18th. There were four items in our raffle; 20 lbs. of meat won by Jonas Burgess of Konawa; a windbreaker to our own Cinda Thompson; Carol Thompson of Schulter claimed a box of candy; and a cap with cigarettes went to Liddy Taylor. Remember now, the person who has bingoed the most by our June bingo will receive a nice bonus prize. I know what the prize is but it's a secret to anyone else. We've only had two sessions to count so there's time for you to begin. Our next game will be March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, and don't forget to wear the green because some of our people are real pinchers. We'll also have some green lettuce on our lip-smacking hamburgers that night.

One of our members, Jonas Artussee, has been hospitalized for several weeks, first at Okemah and currently at St. Francis in Tulsa. We wish him a fast recovery and hope he's soon home.

Since we had only one item of business to discuss in our regular

business meeting, we met immediately following bingo so that we could attend a benefit bingo for Clarence Tiger, Jr., on the 19th at Nuyaka. Our next business meeting will be March 18th at 2:00 p.m. with a covered dish dinner at noon. Everyone is welcome to come share our meal.

## HANNA

By Wanda Harjo

In October of 1983, the Indians of the Hanna Area met and organized themselves as a Community.

We have had several meetings with most of the Indians in the area in attendance.

In November, 1983, we had a meeting where we elected officers who are: Sam Proctor - President; Jack Harjo - Vice-President; Lillie Yargee - Secretary; Johnny Billy - Treasurer; and Wanda Harjo - Reporter.

In December, we had a big Christmas Dinner in the Hanna School Cafeteria. There were 148 Indian people present. Visitors came from Oklahoma City, Wetumka, Okmulgee, and Sapulpa. A good time was had by all. We meet the first Monday of every month. Any and all of you out there are welcome to be with us any time.

## Hanna Indian Students Take Field Trip To Oklahoma City

A field trip for 35 Hanna School Indian students was made to Oklahoma City February 25. Twelve of the students competed in Hot Shot Basketball Championship during half-time of the OCU Chiefs vs Loyola of Chicago game at the Myriad Center.

The top two finalist representing Hanna were Melinda Hill and Harley Lewis. Both won second runner-up and received trophies.

The Hot Shot Championship was sponsored by the United Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. (UNITY). The student's food expense for the day was donated by Creek Principal Chief Claude Cox.

Dr. Bill Wheeler, Supt., accompanied the field trip along with Indian Education Counselor Chanenna Davis and Teacher's Aides Lillie Yargee and Francis Lewis.

The following students participating were: Charles Harley, Hully Tiger, Ronnie Lowe, Amy Harjo, Coleen Harjo, Sylvia Fish, Belinda Wacoche, Bernice Harjo, Tommy Lowe, Brian Wacoche, Levine Harjo, Judith Proctor, Nathaniel Harjo, Harley Lewis, Melinda Hill, Richard Proctor, Richard Williamson, James Tiger, Leroy Harjo, Phillip Harjo, and Alexander Yargee.

Hot Shot competition scores were

as follows: Girls age 9-12 category - Melinda Hill, 10 pts., Second Place Trophy; Girls age 13-15 - Amy Harjo, Third Place with 29 pts; Boys 13-15 - Harley Lewis, 42 pts., Second Place Trophy; Richard Proctor - 35 pts., Fifth Place; James Tiger - 30 pts., Sixth Place; Leroy Harjo - 27 pts., Seventh Place; Girls 16-18 - Levine Harjo - 30 pts., Third Place and Judith Proctor - 22 pts. and Fourth Place.

In the Boys 16-18 Division, the students were: Phillip Harjo - 41 pts., Third Place; Hully Tiger - 27 pts., Nathaniel Harjo - 21 pts., and Richard Williamson - 31 pts.



HANNA SCHOOL INDIAN STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE HOT SHOT BASKETBALL COMPETITION AT OKC ARE: (Standing L-R) Indian Education Counselor Chanenna Davis, Lee Harjo, James Tiger, Richard Williamson, Leroy Harjo, Hully Tiger, Judy Proctor, Nathaniel Harjo, Amy Harjo, Richard Proctor, Charles Harley and teacher's aide Lillie Yargee. (Front row, L-R) Second Runner-up Winners: Melinda Hill and Harley Lewis.



# OKFUSKEE

By Sharon and Daria Hicks

The Okfuskee Community members held their monthly meeting on February 4, 1984, at 6:30 p.m. at Joe Hicks residence. All members attended the meeting that were able to attend.

We are happy to say that one of our members is back home and is doing well, her name is Louise Deeringwater. Also we are glad to have Juanita Hayochee home after she had an operation, and she is doing well.

For our birthdays for this month are Lou Annie Walters, Abby Jean Walters and Sarah Hicks. The Community members are going to have a Valentine's Day dinner over at Jessie Hicks residence on the 14th for Sarah Hicks birthday. We wish them all a very happy birthday and a happy Valentine's Day.

We also like to remind everyone out there that we will be having our community bingo February 25 at 7:30 at Joe Hicks residence, everyone is welcome to come and enjoy themselves.

This brings us to an end of the news for this month. Hopefully, we will have more to report next time. So may everyone have a nice and warm month and a Happy Valentine's Day.

## DEATHS

### IOLETA SMITH

Funeral services for Mrs. Ioleta Smith were held February 14, at the Middle Creek Indian Baptist Church no.1 at Carson. Rev. Johnson Roberts officiated the service.

Ioleta was born August 1, 1926 at Hanna, Ok; her parents were T.E. and Anna Cousins. She was married to Robison Smith on September 20, 1950. They had two daughters, and three sons and a son, Robison Smith Jr. who died in infancy.

She was best known as a designer of Seminole Patchwork Fashions. She had exhibited her Indian Fashions in every state and abroad. She had presented shows in many colleges, high schools, museums and dinner theaters, fairs and conventions. She won many awards for her Patchwork Fashions.

She did volunteer community work, served on the Council on Aging in Hughes County. She was an elected city official, and was mayor of Dustin several years during the 1970's. She was on the School Board at Eufaula Dormitory, and the JOM Parents Committee at Dustin School.

Survivors include her husband Robison Smith, Dustin; two daughters, Jeanetta Robertson, Dustin and Monica Gann, Lamar; three sons, Mike, Mark and Timmy Smith; her mother Mrs. Anna Cousins, all of Dustin. Also two sisters, Mrs. Ethelea Martin and Leona White both of Dustin and an aunt Mrs. Agnes Russell of Wetumka.

### JOSEPH (JOE) ASBURY

Funeral services for Joseph (Joe) Asbury were conducted February 8, at the Arbeka Indian Baptist Church, Rev. Roley Haynes officiated the service.

Interment was in the Asbury and Burnett Family Cemetery.

Mr. Asbury died February 5 in a Henryetta nursing home. He was a retired PPG Industries worker and a member of the Grave Creek Methodist Church in Hitchita, 100F Lodge, served on the Creek Nation Council in the early 1950's and was a member of the Henryetta Roundup Club in the early 1940's. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Lillie Asbury September 14, 1974.

Survivors include two sons, Johnny Joe Asbury, Henryetta and Wesley Asbury of Burk Burnett, Tx., one daughter, Carol Morris, Fulton, Tx., two stepsons, William B. Burnett, Henryetta and Wilburn E. Burnett, Dallas, Tx., a half sister, Elsie Walters, Smelter City; ten grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and several step-grandchildren.

### MATTIE ANDERSON

Funeral services were conducted for Mattie Anderson, 95, February 25, at the Leonard Funeral Chapel in Bixby, OK. Interment was in the Bixby Cemetery.

Mrs. Anderson died February 21 in Okmulgee. She was born July 7, 1888 in Indian Territory and had lived in the Okmulgee County area all of her life. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Anderson, April 2, 1979.

Survivors include five daughters, Nada Criner and Margie Harrell both of Okmulgee; Carol Opperman, Royal Oaks, Michigan; Anna Moore, Harrah, OK and Irene Frazier, Tulsa; one brother, Link Bruner, Haskell, OK; 12 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Robert Anderson, Jr., Lewis Harrell Jr., Brent Andrew Anderson and Solomon W. Anderson, Jr., (all grandsons) and nephews Jerry Wilson and Benjamin Colbert.

### JERRY ANDERSON BERRYHILL

Funeral services for Jerry Anderson Berryhill, 42 were held February 7 at the High Springs Baptist Church, Rev. George Berryhill officiated the service.

Mr. Berryhill was born at Claremore on November 18, 1941. He was a veteran of the United States Army and was employed as an oilfield worker at the time of his death. He was a member of the High Spring Baptist Church.

He is survived by his parents, Andy and Annie Berryhill of Okemah; two brothers, Kenneth E. Berryhill and Ed Berryhill, both of Okemah; one sister, Mrs. Jovonna Robison, Okmulgee.

Interment was in the Berryhill Cemetery.

### BESSIE WIND

Funeral services for Mrs. Bessie Wind, 77, were held February 7, at the High Spring Baptist Church, with Rev. George Doyle officiating.

Mrs. Wind was born at Wetumka on May 19, 1906 and had been a resident of the Okfuskee County area most of her life. She was a member of the High Springs Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bennie Wind.

Survivors include one son, March Wind, and one daughter, Mrs. Christine Burgess, both of Okemah; two brothers, John Berryhill and Rollie Berryhill both of Cromwell; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the New High Spring Cemetery.

### THOMAS S. McGELSEY

Funeral services were held February 17 for Thomas S. McGelsey of Wewoka. The services were held at the First Baptist Church in Holdenville. Burial was in the Veterans Cemetery at Holdenville.

McGeisey suffered a severe heart attack on January 28.

Eulogizing the well-known Seminole Nation of Oklahoma General Council member, was Rev. Clifford Pelton and Rev. Dan Phillips. McGeisey, a World War II veteran, and Prisoner of War, died February 14 in the Veterans Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Born January 5, 1920 in Wewoka, McGeisey married Jane Herrod on June 4, 1945, in Tulsa. The WWII veteran went overseas as a member of the 45th Division of the Oklahoma National Guard. He received the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart while serving at Anzio.

McGeisey was a member of the American Legion Post 32 and had served as State Chaplain for the organization. He was baptized in 1928 by Cunseh Tiger and was ordained as a deacon while he was a member at Middle Creek Indian Baptist Church No. 2 in Holdenville.

Survivors include his wife, Jane, of the home; three sons, Tom Jr., Earlsboro; Franklin D. of Holdenville and Chrisman Ted of Eagle Rock, Calif.; two daughters, Marilyn J. of Wewoka and Jayna M. of the home; 15 grandchildren; two sisters, Cora Bell McCombs, Wewoka, and Theda Smith, Tulsa; three brothers, Eugene McGeisey, Bell, Calif., Henry "Skeeter" Wise, Shawnee; and Tom Johnson, Seminole.

### NEWMAN CROWELS, SR.

Services were held February 18, for Newman Crowels, Sr., 58 of Sapulpa at the Sand Creek Baptist Church. He died February 15 in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Crowels was born January 1, 1926 in Hughes County, Oklahoma. He was the son of Katie and Freeman Crowels. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and was a member of the VFW and of Sand Creek Baptist Church. He was employed with Beecher Bros. Floor Co. in Oklahoma City.

Survivors include his wife Nora Bolen Crowels, of the home; two daughters, Mary Lou Crowels and Shirley Crowels of the home; three sons, Freddie and David Crowels of the home, and Newman Crowels Jr. of Texas; one brother, Richard Crowels, Wetumka; two sisters, Sarah Sneed, Tulsa, and Sally Ann Weener of Oklahoma City; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in the Wetumka Indian Cemetery under the direction of the Buckley Funeral home of Wetumka.

### SARAH BERRYHILL

Funeral services were held February 16, for Sarah Berryhill, 74, of Wetumka, Oklahoma, at the Thlophlocco Methodist Church. The service was officiated by Rev. Elmer Berryhill and Rev. Earl Dunson.

She was born February 20, 1909 in Hughes County, the daughter of Nettie Fine and Wesley Sawyer. She lived in the area most of her life.

She is survived by one daughter, Peggy Johnson, Okla. City; four sons,

Sonny Berryhill and Chubby Berryhill both of Weleetka, Robert Berryhill of Lawrence, Ks. and Joe Berryhill of Okla. City; thirteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Interment was in the Thlophlocco Cemetery. Pallbearers were Terry Johnson, Danny Johnson, Roger Johnson, Gene Berryhill, Sam Remis Jr. and Larry Berryhill. Honorary pallbearers were Robbie Berryhill and Jim Burgess.

### JOHN LEFLORE

Funeral services for John LeFlore, 83, were conducted February 15 at the Silver Springs Baptist Church.

Interment was in the Silver Springs Cemetery.

Mr. LeFlore died February 12 in Walters, Oklahoma. He was born March 16, 1900 in Pittsburg County, Okla. and was a resident of Walters.

Survivors include five sons; Ottis Compellebee, Arrin, CA. Jack LeFlore, Okla. City, Edmond LeFlore, Walters, John LeFlore Jr., Ft. Smith, Ark., and Silas LeFlore, Henryetta; three daughters, Coreen, Stigler, Helen Terrel, Stigler, Jo Ella Compellebee, Arris, CA.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### LEVI E. HALL

Services for Levi E. Hall, 64, of Dallas, Tx. were held Saturday at the Tallahassee Church with the Rev. Berryhill officiating.

Interment followed at the Tallahassee Cemetery under the direction of the Shurden Funeral Home.

Mr. Hall was born January 17, 1920, in Henryetta and died February 19 in Dallas, Tx. He was a window display and attended the Methodist Church. He was a member of the VFW in Texas and was a veteran of World War II.

He is survived by one daughter, Constant Lee Brown of Amarillo, Tx., one sister, Lillian Coker of Choctaw and three nieces.

### JOM Honor Students

J.O.M. Honor Roll students at Okmulgee High School are Debbie Gee, Juanita Factor, Kristi McIntosh and Angela Goodvoice.

Debbie Gee, a 4.0 freshman, is active in the band and is a member of the Spanish Club. She plans to attend college and major in music. Juanita Factor, also a Ninth-Grader, is active in the Tennis Program, Spanish Club and plans to attend college.

Kristi McIntosh, a freshman is involved in tennis and is a member of the Student Senate. She would like to major in Animal Science at OSU. Angela Goodvoice is a junior and plans also to go to college after graduation.

Other Title IV and JOM students at Okmulgee High School on the Honor Roll for the first semester include: (4.0) Debra Gee and Niki Frits.

Those with a 3.0-3.9 grade point were: Juanita Factor, 9th; Monte Gibson, 9th; Janna Slamans, 9th; Suzanne Stone, 9th; Janna Sulivant, 9th; Scott Allen, 10th; Elizabeth Dietert, 10th; Donetta Taylor, 10th; Lisa Taylor, 11th; Russell Torbett, 11th; Kristi McIntosh, 9th; Tonya Johnson, 11th; Shelley Bell, 12th; Felecia Haynes, 12th; Lisa House, 12th; Angela Murphy, 12th; Robert Stone, 12th; Jerry Williams, 12th; Samuel Woodfield, 12th; Anthony Bird, 11th; and Anna Sterner, 9th.

# Approved Council Minutes

**INVOCATION:** The "Lord's Prayer" was repeated

**CALL TO ORDER:** Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker

**ROLL CALL:** Seven members were present at the beginning of the meeting. Roll call was taken as follows: Helen Chupco - present, Sandy McIntosh - present, Andy Bible - present, Carney Roberts - present, Nelson Johnson - present, Richard Larney - present and Kenneth Childers - present. A quorum was declared with seven members being present and all business transacted during this session was considered valid and to be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. Clarence Cloud came in late.

**READING OF MINUTES:** The minutes of November 26, 1983 Regular Scheduled meeting were mailed prior to the meeting. The Chair entertained a discussion: None. The Chair entertained a motion for approval of minutes: A motion was made by Larney and seconded by McIntosh to approve the minutes as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried: The minutes were approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**1. OLD BUSINESS: A veto message rejecting NCA 83-57 by the Principal Chief. The message was read by the Parliamentarian, Robert W. Trepp, as follows: MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 83-57 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS.** I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee Nation hereby return NCA 83-57, titled as an amendment to the NCA 83-40, "providing compensation for representatives serving on the Executive Committee of the Agri-Business Interim Board", to the National Council with objections as outlined below: **Objection 1. Language is vague regarding person due compensation.** The language contained in Section 101 is vague regarding which representatives from the National Council are due compensation. As written, this policy would apply to "National Council Representatives who attend Executive Committee meetings..." Only in the title to NCA 83-58 is there any clarification this would only apply to "Representatives serving on the Executive Committee..." **Recommendation:** Section 101 could be amended to read "The two (2) designated National Council Representatives who attend..." however, this administration has other objections which should be satisfied, as outlined below.

**Objection 2. Specific funds are not appropriated for the purpose of this policy.** Section 101 purposes that "Representatives...shall be compensated...from program funds...", but does not appropriate a specific amount of funds from a specific source for this purpose. Specific language would set a limit on the amount of program funds which could be expended for this purpose, and would show that the Nation intended to exercise fiscal restraint in expending funds for this purpose. **Recommendation:** Section 101 could be amended to add new sentence which states that a certain number of dollars are appropriated from a specific source for the purpose of this policy, however this administration has other objections which should be satisfied, as outlined below.

**Objection 3. Retroactive compensation is a dangerous practice.** Section 101 provides for retroactive compensation, effective August 1, 1983. This is a dangerous practice, and could be subject to abuse in other areas. Furthermore, as between the proposed effective date and this date there is the beginning of a new fiscal year. Retroactive compensation in this case or other cases might be disallowed even if required by Ordinance. **Recommendation:** Ordinance should not allow retroactive compensation, however, this administration has other objections which should be satisfied, as outlined below.

**Objection 4. Multiple sources of compensation for National Council Representatives.**

I am opposed to the proposed policy of multiple sources of compensation for Representatives. The Representatives should receive a single compensation for a higher single source, and that compensation policy should be comprehensive enough to take other factors into consideration if necessary. However, at this time, Representatives receive their compensation at a flat annual rate, payable each two weeks. If representatives feel their compensation is inadequate to their duties, then they may streamline their procedures to provide for quarterly sessions in place of monthly sessions. **Recommendation:** The National Council should study its compensation issues within a single policy, and not adopt multiple sources of compensation for Representatives. Signed/Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief/Muscogee Nation. The message having been read the Chair entertained discussion. Discussion: None. The Chair entertained a motion. Transaction: died from lack of a motion. The Chair entertained a discussion on revised Bill NCA 83-58 which was read and considered as follows: **Title: Amending NCA 83-40, Providing Compensation for Representatives Serving on the Executive Committee of the Agri-Business Interim Board. Section 101.** Tribal Ordinance NCA 83-40, is hereby amended at Section 103 by adding a new sentence as follows: "The two National Council Representatives, Clarence Cloud and Sandy McIntosh, appointed by the Speaker to serve on the Agri-Business Executive Committee shall be compensated \$50 per month per meetings attended on August 12th, September 19th and 26th, October 3rd, 5th and 10th, and December 9th, 1983. The funds in the amount of \$2,000 shall be appropriated from income for Agri-Business and shall be effective August 10, 1983, at which time the remaining balance will be returned to the Agri-Business income line item. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained discussion. A discussion was held. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Larney to amend NCA 83-58 deleting the words "per month", and adding the in its place, "and \$50 each, per meeting during the period from January 1, 1984 through April 1, 1984". This amendment would make the paragraph to read as follows: "The two National Council Representatives, Clarence Cloud and Sandy McIntosh appointed by Speaker to serve on the Agri-Business Executive Committee shall be compensated \$50 (fifty-dollars) each per meetings attended on August 13th, September 19th, and 26th, October 3rd, 5th and 10th, November 9th and 15th and December 19th, 1983 and \$50 each per meeting during the period from January 1, through April 30th 1984. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The amendment to NCA 83-58 was approved as read. The Chair entertained a motion to approve NCA 83-58 were approved as read. The motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Bible to approve NCA 83-58 as read. A motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. NCA 83-58 was approved as read and will be recorded as such.

**(12-A) Introduced by request of the Principal Chief. (12-A) "A Bill" amending NCA 83-44; Appropriating the Tribal Budget for FY-84". The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101.** The Tribal Budget for FY 84 is hereby amended as: A. In compliance with NCA 83-46, Section 103, the salary for the Second Chief is increased by \$3,750 pro-rating the January 1, 1984 effective salary to a total of \$6,750 for FY-84. B. The Office of the Principal Chief "Telephone" line item is reduced by \$75,000 to reflect actual cost for FY-84. The supplies and expense line item is increased by the appropriate amount. C. The "Tribal Claims Development" line item programs FY-83 carry-over funds in the amount of \$20,555 to allow for the final extension of claims contract. D. All line items of the National Council budget are increased to provide for operations during the second quarter of FY-84 by \$29,347 to a total of \$49,516. Discussion was held. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Chupco to approve 12-A as read. Upon a

motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried: (12-A) A Bill Amending NCA 83-84 was approved and will be recorded into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

**(12-B) Introduced by Kenneth L. Childers. (12-B) A Bill Increasing the salary of the Second Chief and reflecting his responsibilities in federal programs administration. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101.** Effective January 2, 1984, the salary of the Principal Chief shall be \$30,000 per year. **Section 102.** Effective January 2, 1984, the salary of the Second Chief shall be \$15,000 per year. **Section 103.** The Principal Chief shall modify the 1984 subsequent Indirect Cost Budgets to reflect that \$7,000 of Indirect Cost for Personnel and additional fringe benefits at the approved tribal rate, shall be appropriated for the salary of the Second Chief to reflect this responsibilities in federal program administration. **Section 104.** The responsibilities of the Second Chief, in addition to other duties assigned by the Principal Chief shall include: A. Ex-Officio membership to:

**1) The Board of Economic Affairs; 2) The Board of Commissioners; 3) The Citizenship Board; 4) The Election Board; 5) The Board of Health Affairs.**

B. Conferring once each week with the Principal Chief and Administration Staff on federal programs. The Chair entertained discussion: Discussion was held. The Chair entertained a motion: A motion was made by Johnson to delete Section 104. Chair entertained a second: Motion died from a lack of a second. The Chair entertained a motion for the approval of (12-B). A motion was made by Bible and seconded by McIntosh to approve (12-B) as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Four in favor, three against and no abstentions. Voting results: Chupco - No, Larney - No, Johnson - No, Bible - Yes, Childers - Yes, McIntosh - Yes, Roberts - Yes. A tie resulted: Motion carried. (12-B) a Bill increasing the salary of the Second Chief and reflecting his responsibilities in federal programs administration was approved by majority vote and will be recorded into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

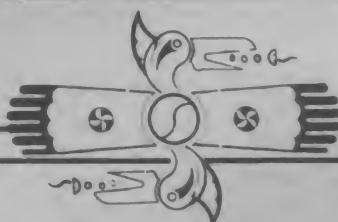
**(12-C) A Bill Introduced by Kenneth L. Childers. (12-C) A Bill directing the Principal Chief to Modify the 1984 Indirect Cost Budget. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101.** Findings. The Indirect Cost Budgets, consisting of funds owed to the Muscogee Nation, have not been appropriated as required by the 1979 Constitution. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is directed to forward the 1984 Indirect Cost Budget to the National Council on or before January 18, 1984, for approval and appropriation. **Section 103.** The Principal Chief is directed to forward copies of all federal policies concerning allowable indirect cost and unallowable indirect cost to the National Council on or before January 18, 1984. **Section 104.** It is the intention of the National Council to direct the Principal Chief to modify the 1984 subsequent Indirect Cost Budgets to appropriate funds for allowable legislative costs, and the Principal Chief is directed to forward any comments on proposed allocation levels to the National Council on or before January 18, 1984. The Chair Entertained Discussion. Discussion was held. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by McIntosh and seconded by Roberts to approve 12-C as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Three in favor, one against and two abstentions. Voting results: Roberts-yea, Larney-no, Bible-yea, Johnson-abstain, McIntosh-yea, Chupco-abstain. Motion carried by a majority vote, (12-C) a "Bill" was approved by majority vote and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

**(12-D) A "Bill" Introduced by Helen Chupco. (12-D) A "Bill" Amending the Tribal Contracts Ordinance NCA 83-21 by adding the 1984 Indian Child Welfare Proposal. The "Bill" was read and considered as follows: Section 101.** The Tribal Contracts Ordinance NCA 83-21 is hereby amended at Section 153 (E) to add the following program: "BIA 1984 Indian Child Welfare Program" **Section 102.** The above contract having been approved by the Muscogee Nation, the Principal Chief is directed to implement said contract upon receipt according to the requirements of the 1984 Tribal Contracts Ordinance. **Section 103.** The proposal document requesting \$167,000 submitted to the National Council is inadequate, and the Principal Chief is directed to develop a comprehensive, proposal document on a par with last year's proposal and to submit that new document to the Bureau of Indian Affairs requesting approximately \$300,000. The Chair entertained discussion: Discussion was held, Mrs. Chupco advising that the Administrative Staff had drafted the Proposed "Bill", and that she was not aware of Section 102 and 103 being added to the original proposed "Bill". It was her recommendation that these two sections be deleted from the "Bill". The Chair entertained a motion: A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Johnson to amend (12-D) by deleting Section 102 and 103. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The amendment was approved as read and the final drafting of the "Bill" will be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. The Chair entertained a motion for the approval of (12-D). A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Larney to approve the "Bill" (12-D) as amended. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried. By a unanimous vote of approval, the "Bill" (12-D) entitled "Amending the Tribal Contracts Ordinance NCA 83-21 by adding the Indian Child Welfare Program" was approved as read.

**(12-E) Introduced by Kenneth L. Childers. (12-E) A "Bill" Supporting the Agri-Business Interim Boards Decision. The "Bill" was read and considered as follows: Section 101.** The Muscogee Nation supports the decision of the Interim Board of Economic Affairs to employ Thomas McIntosh as Manager of the Agri-Business Complex, and the Principal Chief is directed to execute said decision. The Chair entertained Discussion. Discussion was held. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Bible to approve (12-E) as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: two in favor, three abstentions and one against. Voting results: Roberts-yea, McIntosh-abstain, Bible-yea, Johnson-no, Larney-abstain, Chupco-abstain. Motion carried. Upon a motion duly made and seconded by a majority vote, the "Bill" (12-E) was approved as read and will be recorded as such in the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

**(12-F) An Item for Consideration: Introduced by Kenneth L. Childers (12-F) A "Bill" Confirming the appointment of Robert W. Trepp, to serve as Parliamentarian to the National Council.** The Chair entertained a motion to place this item on the agenda for consideration. A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by McIntosh to place (12-F) on the Agenda for Consideration. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: five in favor, one against and no abstentions. Voting results: Roberts-yea, McIntosh-yea, Bible-yea, Johnson-yea, Larney-yea, and Chupco-no. Motion Carried. (12-F) was placed on the agenda for consideration. Note Clarence Cloud arrived at this point of the meeting. **(12-F) was read and considered as follows: Section 101.** The nomination by the Speaker of Robert W. Trepp, a Creek Citizen of the Muscogee Nation to serve as Parliamentarian to the Nation is hereby confirmed. The Chair entertained a motion: A motion was made by Larney and seconded by McIntosh to approve (12-F). Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried. (12-F) Entitled as a "Bill" Confirming the Appointment of Robert W. Trepp to Serve as Parliamentarian to the National Council, was approved by a unanimous vote of approval and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

**Adjournment.**



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# MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS

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## Creeks Present Pilot Project Plan To Department of Human Services

Creek Nation delivered a presentation before Robert Fulton, Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS) in support of the Nation becoming a pilot program for DHS.

### TUCKABATCHEE CONTROVERSY

The Tuckabatchee Ceremonial Ground continues to be the subject of a gathering storm of controversy between two factions - the legal landowners, California and Winey Fixico, on whose property outside Holdenville the ceremonial ground is located, and Alan and Joe Cook, spokesmen for those who wish to have access to the ground to take care of it and to revive Tuckabatchee.

The Tuckabatchee conflict involves several issues, central to which are the property rights of the landowners to bar trespassers on their land and to utilize the land as they desire, for whatever purpose. The land was the original allotment of Mrs. Fixico's grandmother, Wysie Deere, whom the opposition say gave her word to allow Tuckabatchee to remain a ceremonial ground.

The Fixico's refusal to allow entry to the ground for the purpose of reviving Tuckabatchee as a ceremonial ground, has brought a public outcry from Alan Cook and his father. The Cook's feel that they should have access to the ground because it still retains a religious significance to those who wish to preserve it and keep it from being, in their argument, desecrated through improper use such as cutting and clearing the timber from it, running cattle on it and opening it up for oil and gas leasing - all of which the Cooks say that the landowners are doing.

Tuckabatchee tribal town has been inactive since the 1960's when the remainder of the original Tuckabatchee people left the ground.

The issues: Is the Tuckabatchee Ceremonial Ground subject to private property uses and control and is the federal government to be blamed for allotting sacred tribal ground to an individual landowner?

The matter is currently in litigation and may have to be resolved in a higher court of law.

The presentation was given before Fulton and members of his staff at the Quarterly Meeting of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission held in Oklahoma City, April 6, to which Fulton had been invited.

Formally representing Creek Nation was Principal Chief Claude Cox.

The three-point recommendation for Creek Nation to develop a pilot program for DHS services to Indians, was delivered by Gary Breshears, Creek Nation Executive Director.

The recommendation was based on the premise that due to the uniqueness of tribal governments, it would be difficult for DHS, in providing service programs to recipients, to institute a comprehensive cooperative policy with tribal governments, without a clear definition of issues involved.

What was proposed to Fulton by Creek Nation, is that the Nation would work jointly with DHS in developing a pilot model program to serve Indian people that could be used as a model for other tribal governments in the state wishing to work cooperatively with DHS.

"Indian governments has seen a rebirth since 1970, with these tribal governments developing independently of state governments. We are interested in coordinating tribal services with federal, state and other service providers," said Breshears, adding, "our point in making this presentation is to show that Creek Nation has a wide variety of programs that provide services to our people. We would like to work with DHS in allowing us to provide services that had previously not been available to Indian people. We feel that we are in a position to assist DHS in providing these services," said Breshears.

Breshears also expressed the desire of the Nation to have a tribal representative to serve as a member of the State Welfare Commission "in order to insure that Indian people receive equal consideration at the highest level of the decision-making process."

He continued "While these recommendations do not, of course, identify all the possible solutions, they do present a new beginning for state and tribal government cooperation. The end result will ultimately be more effective service to all citizens of Oklahoma."

An overview of Creek Nation programs was given by Breshears and Creek Nation Program Managers Steve Wilson, James Floyd and Kevin



CHIEF COX WITH STATE DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES, ROBERT FULTON, at an Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission meeting in OKC after Creek Nation presented a pilot plan to DHS.

Sanders, with the intent of these presentations to show the degree of cooperation and coordination that the Nation has with federal and state government.

The video tape "Continuing Progress for Creek Nation," which was written and produced by the Creek Nation Communications Center, was shown during the presentation.

Discussion and comment ensued between Fulton, members of his staff, Creek Nation and other tribal representatives, some of whom spoke in support of Creek Nation as a pilot project, saying "Creek Nation has been a model for us in other areas and we feel that Director Fulton should take their recommendation into consideration, as they do exemplify the other tribal governments."

Jeanne Lunsford, Chairperson of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, conveyed to Director Fulton and his staff, the importance of Creek Nation taking the initiative to present him with more than adequate information in order for him to recognize the need for state-tribal government coordination. "Director Fulton, it has been suggested that you go out and visit the various tribal governments - but what in effect has happened is that one tribe, Creek Nation, has brought their program to you."

their program to you. The other tribes in Oklahoma have govern-

ments that are similar to the government at Creek Nation."

Fulton responded, but careful to not make a verbal commitment to Creek Nation's pilot program proposal, with a statement of courteous appreciation, "I would like to thank everyone, especially Principal Chief Cox and Creek Nation for their great program. I'm new and I'm trying to learn about the relationship between the various tribal governments. I pledge to you that we will try to do things that are of benefit to you and to the Department (DHS)."

He concluded, "When we are doing something that is not in the best interest of your people, we'll do what we can to rectify the problem. We appreciate you giving us the opportunity to be here."

Explaining the purpose of Fulton and his staff being present at the Indian Affairs Commission, Chairperson Lunsford said that the meeting was an extension of the Intergovernmental Planning meeting sponsored by Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity (OIO) held in Oklahoma City February 8, at which Fulton and other DHS representatives met to discuss how tribes could impact DHS services for the benefit of Indian people. Lunsford said, "After the February 8 meeting, I asked Director Fulton if he would come to our Commission meeting and let us show him what we are all about and (See DHS on page 2)



## Athletic Association To Host Fast Pitch Softball Tourney

The North American Indian Athletic Association will be hosting an All-Indian men and women fast pitch softball tournament August 24-25 at the Kendlewood Sports complex, Glenpool, Oklahoma, which is located fifteen miles south of Tulsa on U.S. Highway 75.

There will be thirty-two (32) men's teams and thirty two (32) women's teams participating from North America.

Teams will be accepted on the first come, first serve basis. Team rosters cannot be more than 15 team members, including coaches and

managers. Proof of degree of Indian blood of each participating player must accompany each roster.

An official document from the Bureau of Indian Affairs or Tribal Agency will be the only official document accepted as proof of degree of Indian blood. Team rosters and proof of degree of Indian blood with an entry fee of \$250, must be mailed and post marked no later than August 6, 1984. Awards for the tournament will consist of the following:

\$1,000 and Championship Trophy to the 1st place team.

\$750 and Runner-up Trophy to the 2nd place team.

\$500 and 3rd place Trophy to the 3rd place team.

\$250 and Consolation Trophy to the Consolation team.

Individual championship trophies to Championship team. Individual runner-up trophies to the Runner-up team. Sportsmanship trophy to the Sportsmanship team.

Mail your team roster, entry fee and official documents of degree of Indian blood to: North American Indian Athletic Association, Inc., Route 2, Box 189, Beggs, Oklahoma 74421. Telephone: 918/267-9697. NOTE: Only cashier checks or U.S. Postal money orders will be accepted. Foreign currency must be exchanged to U.S. currency.

### Gospel Singing at Yardeka...

A Gospel Singing is scheduled at Yardeka Community building Saturday, April 21 starting at 12 noon. Welcome to all singing groups, musicians, and listeners - everybody welcome! Fellowship and food sale. Robert Jones - M.C. Directions: Turn south at the corner of East Main and Lake Road, Henryetta, go approximately eight miles to Salem Baptist Church, turn south one mile. It will be on the east side of the road.

### Gospel Singing at Vian...

A Gospel Singing for the benefit of Vian Creek Church, Vian OK, that burned last fall is scheduled for April 7th at 6:30 til ?. There has been several fund raising events to build a new church building, but we still need help. There will be a food sale with the singing. The singing will be held at Black Gum Community Building (known as the Old Black Gum School), approximately 9 1/2 miles north of Vian, on Hwy. 82 to Junction Hwy 100, turn one mile west, then one mile north.

Robert Jones will be M.C., everybody is welcome: singers and musicians. If anyone wants to donate money, make checks payable to: Vian Creek Church, % Mike McConnel, Pastor, Vian, Oklahoma 74962. GOD LOVES A HELPING HAND.

### Rock Seminar Scheduled At Tribal Mound...

A Rock Seminar will be presented by the Morning Star Music Ministries, April 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the Creek Nation Complex in the Mound Auditorium.

Hosting the seminar will be Steve Stone from KCFO-FM 98, and Tom Berryhill Jr.

The youth are encouraged to attend and hear the real story behind secular rock and roll music. Admission is free.

## To Muscogee Nation News...

I am researching the history of the Berryhill family. Old Creek records show that Pleasant Berryhill and Alexander Berryhill, brothers and sons of John and Elizabeth (Derrisaw) Berryhill, both born in the late 1700's, went to the Western Creek Lands from Georgia with the first party of McIntosh Creeks in 1928. I would like to hear from any descendants of these two brothers. Who were their children? Jefferson Berryhill, the father of Pleasant Luther "Duke" Berryhill, and David L. "Tobe" Berryhill were both sons of Pleasant Berryhill, Sr. Who were the brothers and sisters of Jefferson and David L. Berryhill? Does anyone have information handed down from parent to child? I would like to hear from any of these descendants. Also descendants of Pleasant's and Alexander's brother, John Dallas Berryhill, who also went to the Western lands in 1828. Sincerely,

Thelma Nolen Cornfield  
420 Jefferson, Apt. A  
Bakersfield CA 93305

## To The Creeks...

Will you please place this genealogy question in the Muscogee Nation News? Can anyone help me find the name of my 4th Greatgrandmother Berryhill? She was the wife of William Berryhill Sr. born 1791, Old Creek Nation Georgia. He was the son of John and Elizabeth (Derrisaw) Berryhill, of the "Broken Arrow" tribal town. William Berryhill Sr. was the father of five sons and five daughters: William Berryhill Jr., born 1820-Ga. (My 3rd greatgrandfather who married Jane Sale); John, born 1817 - Ga.; Gerogiana, born 1828 - Ga.; America M. Sophronia, born 1836 - Alabama; three other daughters born 1812, 1815 and 1824.)

The wife of William Berryhill born 1791 may have died in Alabama, since she is not listed with him in the Rusk County Texas Census of 1850. If anyone can help me find this Grandmother Berryhill, I will repay postage and copy price.

Sincerely,  
Doris Archer Landis  
Rt. 1, Box 152-A  
Jonesboro Ar 72401



## Card of Thanks...

The family of Lela Tiger wishes to thank all of those who helped us recently after the loss of our mother. So many thoughtful people sent food and flowers and offered comforting words during this time. Thank You All.

THE TIGER FAMILY, Kenneth, Matthew, Geroge and Dean and their wives and children.

## Dear Fellow Indians:

We are raising money for a Hewlett-Packard Defibrillator No. 78671A with a unit price of \$5792.00 for the Emergency Room of the Claremore Indian Hospital. Any fund-raising ideas or financial support would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely Yours,  
Livona Strong  
Claremore Hospital Auxiliary

## To The Editor...

I graduated from Chilocco in 1963 and would like to get in touch with some of the classmates especially Evelyn Buck, Jenny Harjo, Pat Mouse and Sally Jessie. Also the Lawrence Indian United Methodist Church is trying to locate students that attended Haskell Junior College and was a member of the Wesley Foundation. A special service will be conducted during Haskell's Homecoming, October 12, 13 and 14. If you are one of these students, please get in touch with Rev. Ray McGilgray, 950 East 21st, Lucy Hardy, 1018 New Jersey; or myself Josephine Chalakee Allen, 1610 Davis Road, Lawrence, Kansas 66044. Thank you for your assistance.

### -NOTICES-

#### ENERGY ASSISTANCE

The Creek Nation Energy Assistance Program is currently taking applications with priority to Creek elderly, age 55 and older. For more information contact Steve Wilson's office at the Complex.

#### EUFAULA HEALTH CLINIC

Effective April 5, the Pediatric Clinic at Eufaula Indian Health Center was changed from Friday to Thursday enabling Dr. Wilsey to order lab work and receive a report the following day without having to wait until the following week.

## DHS

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visa versa. We also wanted Fulton to know that there was a state agency (the Commission) in place that could extend the services of DHS through dissemination and referral of services." She added, "I think Creek Nation did an excellent job of showing Director Fulton how tribal governments operate and just what we are all about."

Harlan Powell, Assistant Supervisor in the DHS Children's Division, in defense of DHS, said "Oftentimes, Indians won't pursue the problem and we can't respond if we don't know about it." He added, however, that he felt that the social workers involved in the case should act as advocates if there is a disagreement with DHS on a problem.

Other issues of concern by the tribal representatives discussed with Fulton and his staff included the tribal General Assistance Programs and how they differ from DHS similar programs, Indian Child Welfare Act and the issue of tribal sovereignty in this matter, and how DHS could better serve the Indian population - this discussion brought up the sensitive issue of why Indian clients are not being made aware, by DHS, of the array of services that they are eligible for.

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Two separate correspondences have been sent to Fulton from Creek Nation, to this date there has been no response to either in regard to Creek Nation's pilot program proposal. Creek Nation's Executive Director Gary Breshears stated that although his office is disappointed, he does realize that Fulton has a busy schedule. He commented, "We do plan to contact Fulton again and hopefully get the pilot program initiated."



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Gary Tarter

## Administrator Named For CN Hospital

Gary Tarter has been selected as the new Administrator of the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah. Tarter assumed his duties at the Hospital February 27.

Previous to accepting the position at the Hospital, Tarter was the Administrator of the Department of Family Medicine at the College of Medicine at the University of Oklahoma.

Citing his goals for the hospital, Tarter stated, "I will continue the maintenance of morale, the improvement of interpersonal

## Haskell Indian College To Celebrate 100 Years

The Haskell Indian Junior College is celebrating its first 100 years. Centennial Celebration activities are underway and will continue throughout the 1984-85 school year.

Monthly events which will be scheduled during the year, will culminate in special graduating ceremonies in May, 1985.

Activities planned for the 100 year observance include educational conferences, special athletic events, publication of a book on Haskell's history and the presentation of a centennial theatrical production.

Scheduled for October will be an All-Indian Fast Pitch Tournament with Homecoming Weekend being held October 12-14.

The Haskell Centennial Honor Club has been initiated by the Oklahoma Chapter of the Haskell Alumni Association in honor of Haskell's Centennial Year observance. Membership in the Honor Club is based on a \$100 contribution. These contributions will be used to support the Centennial activities during 1984-85 at the school.

The contributor will receive an 8 1/2 x 11 certificate from the Alumni Association and will be entitled to receive the Alumni newsletter which is published monthly.

The graduating class during the Spring of 1985 will be recognized as the "Centennial Year Class."

communications and the enhancement of communications with Creek Nation."

Tarter also feels strongly about promoting the hospital within the community - "Externally, this hospital is an integral part of this community. Several persons within the community want to promote the hospital within Okfuskee County, and the community leaders are expressing their strong interest in maintaining this health care facility. Since the hospital received notification of a three-year Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH) accreditation, community leaders have called congratulating the hospital on having such high medical standards. Creek Nation should be very proud not only for the achievement of its accreditation status and its reputation in the community, but also in the fact that it is the only tribally-owned hospital in the nation."

Tarter feels the strengths of the Creek Nation Community Hospital lie in its superlative personnel - "In my first meeting with the hospital employees, I congratulated them for their morale and for their high degree of professionalism. Should they maintain that high level of commitment they and this faculty will never be criticized for not providing the highest quality of medical care."

Tarter, in praise of the high degree of professionalism reflected in Creek Nation's programs, said that he felt fortunate in being a part of the Nation - "My first impression of Creek Nation is that it is a very sophisticated organization. I am very pleased to be able to contribute to the future of Creek Nation and the enhancement of the health care delivery system."

## Congratulations!

A Calendar of Events is being prepared and can be obtained from the Alumni Association, Box H-12, Haskell Jr. College, Lawrence, Kansas 66044.

Don Ahshapanek and Rob Daugherty are Co-Chairman of the Haskell Centennial Committee.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
Leon Bell For Bowling A Perfect 300!!



Mary Lou Bierman

## CN Health Services Selects Manager

Mary Lou Bierman has been selected as the new Manager of the Creek Nation Health Services Administration. She assumed her duties in this position February 20.

Mrs. Bierman, 15/16 Creek, was born in Holdenville and grew up in Wichita, Kansas. She and her husband William, son Steven, 8, and daughter Elizabeth, 2, make their home now in Beggs.

Prior to returning to the Creek Nation area, Mrs. Bierman worked in a research project with Indian Health Service in Phoenix on Inpatient/Outpatient Cost Analysis to establish a cost standard for patient services.

A graduate of Wichita State University, Mrs. Bierman obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Care Administration in December of last year. In addition, she is currently working on completing the last nine hours for a degree in Business Administration from Wichita State. She hopes to eventually obtain a

Master's degree in public health administration.

In her capacity as Health Services Manager, Mrs. Bierman stated that her goals for the department will be consistent with the goals established by Creek Nation in providing quality health care services to the Indian population residing within the Creek Nation service area. "My efforts will be toward the efficient and effective utilization of our resources to insure our goal of meeting the health care needs of our Indian population through planning, coordination, and control of our resources," she said.

The health care field is a vocation shared by members of Mrs. Bierman's family; her husband, currently completing a degree in Accounting at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, has plans to obtain a Master's degree in Health Administration; in addition, Mrs. Bierman has two sisters in the health field - Ann Al-Dabbagh, a Commissioned Officer with Indian Health Services in Phoenix and Raylene Penn, a Commissioned Officer with Indian Health Services in Claremore.

Mrs. Bierman is the daughter of Roy and Nora George, who have returned to Holdenville from Wichita to make their home.



## CN Elderly Nutrition Program Schedules Easter Activities

The Elderly Nutrition Program and Yeager and Eufaula Headstart Programs will celebrate an Easter Egg Hunt at the Tribal Complex on April 17 with services beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Mound with Reverend Elmer Berryhill. Yeager Headstart will sing Creek Hymns. Cherokee Nation elderly have been invited to join the activities. Steve Wilson says "Thanks" to all the Creek elderly who attended the successful Conference on Aging in Tulsa.

## -PUBLIC NOTICE-

A budget hearing will be held on April 19, 1984 for all interested citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The following budget is proposed for fiscal year 1984.

CATEGORY	TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	REVENUE SHARING FUNDS
Tribal Gov't	\$3,012,843	\$10,000
Economic Development	1,036,400	91,396
Health	3,858,498	-0-
Vocational Training	1,516,491	-0-
Education	1,286,544	-0-
Planning & Research	166,924	-0-
Community Development	932,996	-0-
Human Services	1,604,558	-0-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,415,254</b>	<b>\$101,396</b>

The meeting will be held at the Mound Building, Creek Nation Complex in Okmulgee for the purpose of discussion of the proposed budget at 6:00 p.m. The proposed budget may be examined on weekdays at the Creek Nation Complex in Okmulgee between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comment. Senior citizens are encouraged to attend and comment.



Bruce Barnett

## Bruce Barnett Receives Honorable Mention

By Helen Chalakee

Bruce Barnett, 17 year-old Creek senior at Wilson High School, recently received honorable mention in the 1984 Tulsa World's All Star Basketball Team. Bruce's coach, Danny Spurlock, described him as a "super good kid - one he never had to worry about because of his dependability." He added, "Bruce is a terrific team leader, a good ball handler and the finest guard I've ever coached - what he lacks in height, he makes up in enthusiasm."

Coach Spurlock said that recently Haskell Indian Junior College was very interested in Bruce for his athletic prowess. Bruce has averaged 20 points a game this past season and was named Class B fifth leading scorer in the state. He also leads his Wilson Tiger team in steals and assists.

Bruce made the Okmulgee County All Star Team, Deep Fork Valley All Conference and North Canadian All Conference both his junior and senior years. Besides basketball, Bruce is the pitcher for his school baseball team and was said to have the potential to become a really fine baseball player.

Bruce is a B student and claimed to be the most well liked among his fellow students and teachers. Bruce has attended Wilson School since first grade. He is the son of Dicey and Edward Barnett of the Wilson area.



## Marc Long is State Wrestling Champion

Marc Long, 16, has received the state Wrestling champion title recently at the 64th Annual Wrestling Championship held at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

The 157-pound Junior at Catoosa High School has wrestled for 12 years and has lettered in football and baseball. He maintains a 3.5 grade point average and is a member of the Title IV Parent Committee.

Marc is the son of Ray and Louise Long of Catoosa and is the nephew of Rev. Jonas Partridge.

## Creek Girl Named N.A.S.A. Princess

Teresa Washington, 20, was crowned the 1984 Princess of the Native American Student Association (NASA) of Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, April 4th during the Annual Symposium on the American Indian.

Teresa, one-half Creek, is a Junior, majoring in Learning Disabilities, at Northeastern State University.

She was born in Glenpool and attended Glenpool Public Schools. Her parents are Wiley and Peggy Washington of Glenpool. She has a five-year old sister, Peggy.

The Second Runner-Up in the Princess contest was Austina Walker, 20, who is a major in Accounting and Computer Science and a Junior at Northeastern.

Austina, 5/16 Creek, was born in Glenpool and attended Sequoyah Boarding School. Her guardians are Jerry and Colleen Wilson of Glenpool. She has one sister, Sonya Walker, and two brothers, John and Rod West.

## Gwendolyn Sue Factor Senior of the Week

Gwendolyn Sue Factor, 17 year-old daughter of Mrs. Patty Factor, was recently selected Weleetka High School Senior of the Week. She was born July 1, 1966 in Okmulgee and has attended schools in Lawrence, Kansas and Broken Arrow before entering the Weleetka School in the fourth grade.

While in high school, she has been a member of the vocal music ensemble for three years, member of the local chapter of Future Homemakers of America two years, and is listed in the Who's Who at WHS for 1983-84 as the wittiest girl in high school.

Gwen plans to attend Tulsa University after completing high school requirements.



Richard Mark Dunn

## Richard Mark Dunn Stationed in Germany

Richard Mark Dunn, son of Joan Dunn, Morris, is presently stationed in Hanau, West Germany. He was recently promoted to Staff Sergeant while assigned to CBTRY 1/40th Field Artillery Regiment Death Dealers APO 09165. Staff Sergeant Dunn is a graduate of Sequoyah High School.



AUSTINNA WALKER, 2nd RUNNER-UP (left) AND NASA PRINCESS TERESSA WASHINGTON.

## Hanna Independent Basketball



1st PLACE MEN'S: EUFAULA SCHOCKERS: (front row, l-r) Mike James, Eugene Bible, Sam Watson (coach), Sandy Watson, Lapinon Crawford, (back row, l-r) Gary Atchison, Rick Caldwell, Ruben Rowland, Randy Bible, Greg Anderson, and Richard Wesley.



1st PLACE LADIES: PRARIE BELL: (front row l-r) Louanne Long, Sandra Thorton, Tomasine Long, Karen Long, Linna Jacobs, Jean Hicks (back row, l-r) Sidney Long, Georgia Akeen, Joyce Taylor, Debbie Taylor, Debbie Johnson, Faye Harjo, and Minnie McCullen.



# Conference on Aging Titled Successful By Council Officials

By Kathryn Bell

The Fifth Annual National Indian Conference on Aging was held February 28 and 29 at the Sheraton Kensington Hotel in Tulsa.

The theme for this year's conference, "Let Us Continue In Unity," was carried out in the messages delivered by the speakers, workshops, and other conference activities.

The conference, sponsored by the National Indian Council on Aging, was termed a success, with 1,100 Native American elderly, representing many diverse tribes and cultures from across the nation, registered for the conference activities which were geared to advocate on behalf of Indian elderly.

The outcome of the conference was to develop a resolution on aging that will be presented to the Administration on Aging in its final form and will be incorporated into a national policy statement on Indian aging. The policy statement will be designed for the purpose of improving services to 109,000 Indian and Alaskan Native elders.

Dr. Lennie-Marie Tolliver, Commissioner of the Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services, addressed the conference participants in the Opening Session on Wednesday morning with a message from President and Mrs. Reagan, which in part, included; "I am pleased to send warmest greetings to those who gather for the Fifth Annual Indian Conference on Aging. This occasion provides me with a very welcome opportunity to recognize all those who are involved with this Council and its goal of promoting the needs and causes of older Americans - the Council is to be commended for the fine record it has compiled as a source of information on Indian elderly and their efforts to achieve greater self-sufficiency."

The Commissioner, who was accompanied by Nell T. Ryan, her Special Assistant in the Administration on Aging, stated in her address that in testimony before the Congress, she had presented the Administration's proposal for reauthorization of the Older Americans Act for three more years and that appropriations for Title VI be increased for FY 1985 to \$7,500,000 - an increase of \$1,765,000 from the current total of \$5,735,000. "This amount is included in the President's budget. We estimate that this amount would provide for increasing the number of tribes served by approximately 27," said the Commissioner.

Also on the conference agenda as either workshop presentors or giving presentations were the following national and state dignitaries; Jake Whitecrow, Executive Director of the National Indian Health Board, John Hoyas, Social Security Administration with the Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C. and Hannah D. Atkins, Assistant Director of the Aging Services of the

Oklahoma Department of Human Services. Representatives from the Bureau of Indian Affairs declined to attend the conference. Everett Rhoades of the Indian Health Services was unavailable to attend the conference.

Sherman Lillard, newly elected Chairman of the National Council, addressed the conference participants in the General Session by stating the goals of the conference - "It is essential for the future that we unite in a cause to protect not only the elderly, but our young ones as well, so that we can unite to go to the federal government and remind them of their treaty responsibility to us and that they must carry this responsibility out." Lillard then spoke of the importance of everyone attending the conference to get involved in the workshops and to let their concerns be known. He also reiterated that the conference resolutions from each workshop, be geared to fit the needs of all Indian elderly, and not limited to a tribal perspective.

Involvement was also the theme of the Welcome to the conference, given by Creek Principal Chief Claude Cox - "We at Creek Nation realize the serious needs of our elderly Creek citizens in areas of housing, health, and nutrition and we strive to produce services to them in a manner they much deserve - with dignity. No one else can serve the needs of our Indian elderly as another Indian can. Remember it is up to you to see that they enforce legislation and policies for us," Chief Cox said, continuing, "Through the cooperative efforts of the National Indian Council on Aging, state Indian organizations on aging and you who are attending this conference today, a position statement can be formulated that will make our legislators and our policy makers pay attention to our needs."

Overton James, Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, in his keynote address, also emphasized the need for unity of purpose in the common goal of developing a national policy statement on Indian aging to affect better service delivery of programs benefiting Indian elderly - "It was only a short time ago that it was thought impossible to see so many Indians together in unity with one purpose - but here we are - the Fifth National Indian Conference on Aging. Our mere presence lends credibility to the cause of providing a means to the elderly to live with the decency, respect and consideration they deserve." Governor James focused on the primary goal of the conference - "As we meet to develop a national policy on aging, let us not forget the reason we are here, to develop a policy to meet the needs of elderly and improve their lives. We seek to correct any problems and right the wrongs of a society which no longer recognizes the unique needs of our Indian elderly."

## Mary Sunny: A Tradition At Ball Glass

Being a part of the work force of the Ball Glass Plant in Okmulgee has been a way of life for Mary Sunny for 38 years.

Mary is a hand partition assembler and box maker at the plant and has seen the plant grow from approximately 200 employees when she started 38 years ago to a current work force of 506.

Harold Tallant, Plant Supervisor, stated that Mary's long years of dedicated service to the plant could not be measured "in dollars and cents" - "Mary is always willing to help any new employee and her work record is both reliable and dependable," said Tallant, adding "...she's just a fine person."

If Mary is deserving of praise for her years of dedication to her job - she should be equally commended for her unselfish personal commitment to her family. Unmarried, Mary spends her time off the job caring for an invalid sister and a retired brother who lives with her.

Mary's day begins at 4:30 in the morning and generally ends at 11:00 that night, but Mary readily meets the challenge of her lifestyle with gentle resolve and optimism - "What I do is not done out of obligation, but is out of love and devotion to my sister and brother," she said. "It is my duty as a Christian and as their sister to be concerned about their welfare - they are my family." Mary, one of nine children of Walter and Ellen Barnett Sunny, related that her brother and sister had helped raise her and her brothers and sisters. "They raised us nine children when our parents died, Dad in 1936 and Mother in 1943, and I feel like I am returning the care they gave us."

Prior to going to work for Ball, Mary worked at the old Glennan General Hospital (now Oklahoma State Tech). "I feel like I have been working all of my life," she said, adding that she hopes to



Mary Sunny

retire soon. "I will miss the gang at work, though. It has been like a second home to me. But I do look forward to retiring," she added brightly.

Mary is realistic, however, about the limited extra time she will have upon retirement, and her retirement dreams are simple - "I would just like to go and visit with my kinfolks and acquaintances." Mary will also find time to devote to the Honey Creek United Methodist Church, where she has been a member for 37 years. She is president of the ladies UMW group and is active in all the church activities.

In visiting with Mary and the plant staff, it is evident that she has been a positive influence, not only at her work place, but with those who know her. She is an example of how one lives in an often self-gratifying world, with Christian concern and compassion for others.



### Win This Paint Colt! \$1 A Chance! CN Rodeo Club...

The Creek Nation Rodeo Association is raffling a paint colt to be given away at the Saturday, June 16, performance of the 10th Annual Creek Indian Rodeo to be held at the new Creek Sports Complex in Okmulgee. The colt is a one year-old sorrel/tobiano mare named Lady Sky Pack. She is out of Sky Bar Leo and Joes Six Pack and is registered with the American Paint Horse Association. The \$1 raffle tickets can be purchased from any of the rodeo club members or at the Creek Nation Office of Personnel at the Tribal Complex. For more information contact Gene Dunson at 918/765-8504.



# DEATHS

## RACHAEL LOWE PINEZADDLEBY

Funeral services were conducted for Rachael Lowe Pinezaddleby, March 22 at the Thlophlocco Methodist Church with Jess Sullivan officiating assisted by Janet and J.B. Dunn. Mrs. Pinezaddleby died March 19 at South Community Hospital in Oklahoma City at the age of 65.

She was born October 8, 1918 in Okfuskee County, the daughter of the late John and Annie Lowe. Her great-grandmother was a Canard. On August 30, 1945 she married Robert Pinezaddleby at Anadarko. She attended the Wetumka Public Schools and in 1978 received her GED. She also studied art at Oklahoma Community College. She was a member of the Angie Smith Church and the United Methodist Women, Kiowa Veteran Auxiliary, Viet Nam Auxiliary, Inter-tribal Senior Citizens organization and the Intra-Tribal Hymn Singers.

She is survived by her husband Robert of Oklahoma City; one daughter, Mary Anne, Oklahoma City; and one son, Johnny, Oklahoma City.

Interment was in the Lowe Family Cemetery.

## SARAH ARCHER

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Archer, 61, were conducted March 15 at the Cantrell Ivory Chapel with Reverend Dan Sexton officiating. Pallbearers were Richard Dawson, Kenneth Dawson, Bobby Horne, Freddy Sadler, and Clay Sadler. Mrs. Archer died March 12 in Okmulgee. She was born May 28, 1922 in Okmulgee and was a member of Newtown Indian Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clois Archer, in 1943.

Survivors include one son, Peter Archer, of the home and three brothers: Claude Cox and Porter Cox, Okmulgee; Rufus Cox, Ada. One sister, Ann Gordon, Okmulgee.

## MICHAEL RAY PHILLIPS

Funeral services for Michael Ray Phillips, 27, were conducted March 16 at the Cantrell Ivory Chapel, Okmulgee, with the Reverend Frank Bevenue and Reverend John Riley officiating. Interment was in the Okmulgee Indian Baptist Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Barney Harjo, Herman Harjo, Joe Harjo, Jr., John Phillips, Gary Jackson, Wally Newport, and Scott Adams.

Wake services were conducted March 15 at the Chapel with the Reverend Bridge Chuckluk officiating.

Mr. Phillips, a resident of 1314 North Oklahoma, Okmulgee, died March 12 in Tulsa. He was born July 21, 1956 in Cushing.

Survivors include his father, James Phillips, Okmulgee; his mother, Jorene Walker, Okmulgee; two brothers: James B. Phillips, Jr., Okmulgee, and Steven Wayne Phillips, Tulsa. His grandparents, Joe Harjo, Henryetta and Elizabeth Harjo, Okmulgee.

## REVEREND C.D. HARJO

Funeral services for Reverend C.D. Harjo, 66, were held in the Greenleaf Baptist Church on March 19, with Reverend Roley Haynes and Reverend Thompson Billy officiating.

Reverend Harjo died March 16 in the Creek Nation Community Hospital at Okemah after a long illness.

Reverend Harjo was born in Okfuskee County on January 7, 1918 and was married to Marie Sands in October 1942. He has been a resident of Okfuskee County all of his life. On March 4 of this year, Greenleaf Baptist Church honored Reverend Harjo for having served as their pastor for the past 25 years and having served as a deacon for 13 years.

He is survived by five sons: Roley, Tulsa; Wayne, Ada; Stephen, Tulsa, Wilson and Cornell, Oklahoma City. Four daughters: Mrs. Irene Tiger, Owasso; Mrs. Ora Day, Reno, Nevada; Mrs. Carolyn Powell, Tulsa; and Mrs. Hulda Little, Tulsa; and thirteen grandchildren. Interment was in the Greenleaf Cemetery.

## JOY JULY AMBER

Mrs. Joy July Amber, 25, Sand Springs, died March 11 in a Tulsa hospital. Funeral services were held March 14 at Deep Fork Hillabee Baptist Church south of Checotah. Reverend Marvin Kelly officiated. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery in Checotah.

Indian services were held March 13 in Bledsoe Funeral Chapel in Checotah. Pallbearers were Jack Weaver, Mike Delmier, Paul Zimmerman, Gene July, Billy Welch, and Nathan Harper.

Mrs. Amber was born October 17, 1958 at Checotah. She grew up in Checotah and was graduated from high school there. She was employed by the Sapulpa Glass Plant. Mrs. Amber was a member of the Deep Fork Hillabee Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph, a son Jessie, a daughter Melody, all of the home. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe July, Eufaula; two brothers: Keith July, Broken Arrow and Jeremy July, Eufaula. Two sisters: Sonja July and Angie Graham, both of Eufaula. Her grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Wiley July, and Mrs. Nora Stewart all of Checotah.

## LELA (McNAC) TIGER

Funeral services for Mrs. Lela (McNac) Tiger, 67, were conducted March 16 at the Yardeka Indian Baptist Church with Reverend Roley Haynes officiating, assisted by Reverend Josh Harjo. Interment was in the Yardeka Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Jones, Ed Moore, Jr., Carney Roberts, Ken Grimes, Phil Homeratha, and Perry Beaver. Wake services were conducted March 15 in the Shurden Funeral Chapel. Night services were conducted March 15 at the Yardeka Indian Baptist Church.

Mrs. Tiger, 108 South Okmulgee in Okmulgee, died March 12 in the Creek Nation Community Hospital at Okemah. She was born October 15, 1916 at Ryal. She was preceded in death by her husband, Coody Tiger, January 11, 1967. She was a member of the Yardeka Indian Baptist Church where she was a Woman's Leader.

Survivors include four sons: Kenneth, Matthew and Martin, all of Okmulgee; and George Tiger of Anadarko. One brother, David Harjo, Okemah and ten grandchildren.

## WINEY DEERE WESLEY

Services were held March 14 for Mrs. Winey Deere Wesley at the Quarsaty Baptist Church. Mrs. Wesley died March 10 at the Creek Nation Community Hospital at the age of 67.

She is survived by two children, Jimmy Deere and Kizzie Roberts, both of Cromwell, and one sister, Martha Simmer, Cromwell. Interment was in the Quarsaty Baptist Church Cemetery.

## Bemo Church To Celebrate Easter

BY DEACON CHEBON WHITE CLOUD

A joint Memorial and Easter Service will be held on Easter Sunday, April 22 at Bemo Creek/Seminole Missionary Baptist Church.

We will begin on Good Friday with Fast Day and services that night with invited special speakers, Reverend Clifton Hill and Reverend Stanley Smith. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday night will be Testimonial Night with our Mother Church, bringing devotion and our invited special speakers will be Reverend J.B. Dunn and Reverend Newman Frank.

Sunday morning we will have Sunrise Service with two memorial sermons. The first sermon will be by Reverend Big John Factor on Easter and the late Charley Bemo, Deacon. Our second sermon will be by Reverend Dan Phillips on Easter and the late Mose Gray, Head Deacon and founder of Bemo Church.

In the afternoon we will Egg Hunt, four groups, prizes: \$50 1st Prize for Senior Citizens. This Sunday we will observe the "Lord's Supper" Communion.

## IN MEMORY OF MOSES GRAY

Born: February 24, 1901, Eufaula Indian Territory. Died: March 19, 1983, Tulsa Oklahoma. Services: Bemo Church, Bixby, Oklahoma, Tuesday, March 22, 1983 at 2:00 p.m. Officiating: Reverend Harely Bamoski and Dr. Frank Belvin. Interment: Bemo Church. Clan: Tiger. Indian Name: Kotcha. Indian Town: Arbeka. Parents: Reverend Sian Gray and Mary Tecumseh Thompson. Kinfolks: Ancestors and descendants and their families: Grays, Tecumsehs, Harjos, Johnsons, Bemos, Whitlows, Fifes, Stars, Looneys, Fields, McIntoshes, Palmers, Julys, and Bunnys.

Pallbearers: Chuck McHenry, Sonny Burgess, Eugene Birdcreek, Richard Bemo, Sam McIntosh, and Berlin Wiefer.

Head Deacon: Anderson Burgess. Head Grave Digger: Joe Fife and Berlin Wiefer. Closest Male Relative: Joe Fife, Bemo Church and Jim Fixaco, Thewalee Church. Eldest Female Relative: Susie Looney, Springfield Church and (deceased) Sissy Wert, Cedar Creek, Eufaula.

Honorary Pall Bearers: Sidney Lee, George Bunny, Chebon Fife, Joey Fife Sian McIntosh, Chili McIntosh, Cherie McIntosh, Li'l Cherie McIntosh, John Tecumseh, Andy Tecumseh, Johnnie Wilson, Newman Frank, Eddie Tecumseh, and Chebon McIntosh.

Survivors: Wife, Monah Bemo; two daughters, Rena Bell Gray, Tulsa and

Patsy Gray, Bixby; two sons, Sian Spider Gray, Bixby and Sonny "Nokuse Hutke" Gray (deceased).

Grandchildren: Eldest: Chebon White Cloud, Chenh White Cloud, John White Cloud, Nokuse Buck, Deceased:

Charley Randolph, Tom Randolph, Becky Randolph, David Randolph, Chenana Gray, Brenda Gray Wynona Gray. Great-Grandchildren: Jr. White Cloud, Moses White Cloud, Wendy White Cloud, Steve White Cloud, Robin White Cloud, Henu White Cloud, Chenena White Cloud, Little Tommy Randolph, Mark Randolph, Terry Randolph, Robin Randolph, Andrian Stout, Sonny Gray.

We are grateful to the preachers who bring sermons during the Wake Service: Marvin Kelly, Bamey Porter, John Tiger, J.B. Dunn, Dan Phillips, Thompson Billy, Bill Alexander, Sam Haney, Tom Phillips, Walter McHenry, Wilson Bear, Jim McCosar and Allison Phillips, Deacon Eartman Whitlow.

We are grateful to all the Churches represented: Big Arbor, New Arbor, Cedar Creek, Little Coweta, Cedar Creek Eufaula, Arbeka, Yardeka, Vian, Little Cussetah, Seminole Arbeka, Seminole Hitchita, Springfield Chitto Hutchi no. 1, Chitto Hutchi no. 2, Cedar Springs, Concate, Butler Creek, Thewalee, Hutchechupa, Many Springs, Broken Arrow, Hailey Chapel, Wehla, Seminole Baptist, Hickory Ground no. 1, Hickory Ground no. 2, Big Cussetah, Grave Creek, Spring Church, High Spring Okemah, High Spring Konowa.

## MEMORY

Deacon Moses Gray was born into the prominent family of Reverend Siah Gray (Pastor of Big Arbor Church, Medicine Man and Captain of LightHorse Men) and Mary Tecumseh Thompson. From this marriage came 12 children, Moses was the last surviving child. Other prominent members of his family were Reverend Gray and the Gray girls.

Moses Gray accepted Christianity in the early 20's and was later ordained Deacon in Big Arbor Church. Big Arbor Church is the Mother Church to 13 Creek Churchs through the Creek Nation. But he felt he should build a church where his children and grandchildren could have a place to worship.

Therefore, he began Bemo Mission named for his deceased Father-in-law, Charley Bemo. Thus Bemo Church came into being.

With the blessings of Big Arbor Church, Bemo Church was dedicated on Easter Sunday, 25 years ago. He was preceded in death by his parents and all his brothers and sisters, his last sister, Anna Gray, died one year, same month, same day before he died. He was also preceded in death by one grandson and one granddaughter.

Moses lived to see nearly all his children and grandchildren baptized. He passed away from the walks of life on Saturday, March 19, 1983, under the exhortation of his favorite cousin, Joe Fife. Cousin Joe sang and prayed and Moses Gray went Home.

Come one and all on Easter Sunday. This is the second time Bemo has had Easter on Easter Sunday in 25 years. Everyone is invited to come and worship. Our new prayer meeting night is Friday. God Bless You and Yours.

## Light At The End Of The Tunnel

By Mrs. Lucy Yahola, Wetumka Oklahoma

There's a light at the  
end of the tunnel,  
There's love that's awaiting  
me there,  
All cares and troubles  
I will leave behind,  
as I climb the golden stair.

There's a light at the  
end of the tunnel,  
There to meet my Lord  
face to face,  
And I'll be in the home  
that I longed for,  
Saved by His Heavenly Grace.



## OKFUSKEE

Sharon and Darla Hicks

The Okfuskee Community members held their monthly meeting March 3 at the Joe Hicks residence. All members attended that were able to attend.

The community members held a birthday dinner on March 6 at Joe Hicks residence for Terri Lynn Hicks. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Lorene Hicks. We all wish her many more happy years to come (Happy Birthday, Terri!).

We would also like to tell everyone that their will be a Gospel Singing at Hicks Mission Church starting at 7:30 p.m.

Also we are going to have a fund raising for any family emergency on April 13 at Sam Cooper's residence; food sale will start at 7:30 p.m. We would wish for everyone to come out, we appreciate your help. There will be lots and lots of goodies. So come on out every Friday of each month.

On April 21, the community will be having their Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Afterwards, the members will have a birthday dinner for these persons: Rita Hicks, Johnnie Hicks and Sam Cooper. We would like to wish them many more happy years to come. (Happy Birthday, You'all) The dinner will be at Johnnie's place.

The Okfuskee Community members will be holding a shooting for boxes of groceries. It will be \$1 a target, starting at 10:00. We would like to remind our members the next meeting will be at Jessie Hick's place.

We would also like to wish everybody a good St. Patrick's Day and a happy Easter. Also, our treasurer would like to wish to say "Hello" to everybody and have many more happy years.

## ARBEKA

By Eliza Hicks

Seems we've all had spring fever early. Our activities boiled down to one session of bingo this month. After Easter we should be going at full steam so maybe our news will be better.

The Simon Harrys and Virgil Harrys were visitors from Hector and we were happy to have them. We also had people from Bowley, Wewoka, Holdenville and a few other communities and we appreciated their help.

Our next activity will be bingo on the evening of the 21st and on Easter Sunday. Our egg hunt will be at 11:30 a.m. with dinner following. Everyone is welcome to join us. We'll have stickball games and other games for all. Come and see us!

## Creek Rodeo Queen Applications Available

Applications are now available for girls age 16 through 25 who are interested in competing for the title of 1984-85 Creek Nation Rodeo Association Queen.

The contestants will be judged on a point system in four categories: 1.) Horsemanship, 2.) Western Dress, 3.) Personality, and 4.) Fund Raising. Entry deadline is May 18. For more information contact Phyllis Berryhill, Rodeo Queen committee member, at P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee OK 74447 or telephone 918/765-8700 ext. 204.

## Communities Schedule Preservation Workshops

Food Preservation Workshops scheduled in Creek Nation Communities are:

- Castle Indian Community, Thursday, April 5, 6:00 p.m., Elnora Herrod's home.
- Okfuskee Indian Community, Saturday, April 17, 1:00 p.m., Buckeye Church.
- Hanna Indian Community, Monday, April 16, 6:00 p.m., School Cafeteria.

The workshop scheduled for Wetumka last month has been rescheduled for the following date: Wetumka Indian Community, Thursday, April 26, 6:00 p.m., Indian Community Center.

If there are any questions concerning these announcements, please call Steven Landsberry, 756-8700.

## Creek "World and Way" Book Now For Sale

Due to a great interest shown in the book entitled "The World and Way of the Creek People" which is a compilation of interviews of area Creek Indians by Mason School students for their Indian Studies class with several chapters written by Mason business teacher, Mike Lambeth. The printer has been contracted to supply a quote of cost for a minimum order of 200 more books, making each book cost approximately \$5.50.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy, please send a deposit of \$5.50 to Mike Lambeth at Mason Public School, Mason, Oklahoma. As soon as enough has been collected to make an order, a re-print order will be placed.

If there is not enough interest shown within a reasonable length of time, the deposit money obtained will be refunded and no books will be purchased.

## CASTLE

By Christine Henneha

I want to take this time and say "Thank You" to one and all for all the donations you gave to Jr. Tiger during his hardship. Jr. now has a job and still has his little girl with him. Thanks for the prayers you offered him. FROM THE FAMILY.

Also, the family says "Thank You" for the donation that was given to Lee and Lucille Joshua during the loss of their home that was destroyed by fire. They now have a place to live. Another trailer was burned in our area, which belonged to Verna Lee Mitchell and her family.

From the Castle area, we have six seniors who will be graduating in May. Bruce and Brian Sands and Lillian Harjo, sons and niece of Mr. and Mrs. Jonah Sands. Ramona Talamasey, daughter of Pat Henneha. Cody Beaver, daughter of Wanda McNac. Debbie Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Phillips.

Castle Community has moved to the red house on 56 highway at Elnora Herrod's home, three miles west on 56 from Okemah, or one mile east of 48 highway. All business meetings will be taken care of there. So go there to get your monthly groceries or for your housing reports. The meeting is still first Thursday of each month.

## Creek Recipes & Remedies To Be Published By C.N.

The Creek Nation Communications Center is in the process of collecting Creek recipes and remedies that are to be compiled into a book scheduled for publication at a later date.

We invite our readers to send in recipes of Creek dishes and remedies, as well as a history on how the individual acquired the recipe. If available.

Please submit your recipe in legible writing and with complete and understandable instructions on how to prepare the recipe.

Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number and if you wish to dedicate the recipe and to whom.

Some of the recipes will be photographed for the book. If you would like to call in a recipe, call Creek Nation Communications, 756-8700, Ext. 327.



Donald Pagos, Jr.

## Donald Pagos Practicing Criminal Law in Indiana

Donald Pagos Jr., 27, is currently a practicing criminal attorney in Michigan City, Indiana. Pagos is the son of Donald L. Pagos of Michigan City and the late Billie R. Pagos. He is the grandson of the late Betty Hunter Posey and Thomas Posey of Eufaula and the great-great nephew of Alexander Posey, Creek poet.

Pagos graduated from Ball State University (assisted by a Bureau of Indian Affairs educational grant) and received a degree in Criminology in 1978. He then attended Valparaiso Law School in Indiana.

Pagos completed his undergraduate work in the office of a former La Porte County Deputy Prosecutor. He also worked the last six weeks of his college semester as a patrolman.

Pagos and his wife Teresa, a customer service clerk in a local bank, make their home in Michigan City.

## C.N. Program Accepting Applications For O.S.T.

The Creek Nation J.T.P.A. Program will be accepting applications for Oklahoma State Tech beginning April 16 to April 27. No applications will be taken for the summer trimester at O.S.T. after April 27. If you have any questions, please call the Creek Nation J.T.P.A. Office at 756-8700.



Nola McMullen

## Nola McMullen, R.N. Retires From Tinker AFB

Nola McMullen, one-half Creek Registered Nurse, retired in the Fall of 1983 from Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City with over 20 years service. Nola received her RN degree from Oklahoma General Hospital in 1945. Previous to Tinker, she worked in the IHS Hospital at Pawnee and the Veteran's Hospital at Oklahoma City.

She served as Director of Nursing at Oklahoma Medical and Capitol Hill Hospitals. She also worked for Phillips Oil Co. in Texas five years.

Nola currently resides in Harrah, where she is a member of the Nazarine Church. She is a member of Hoplococo Tribal Town. Her maternal grandparents are John and Melinda Berryhill.

John Atchio, a friend and Tinker co-worker, felt Nola should be recognized in the MNN, because of her friendliness with all her co-workers at Tinker. He related that Nola was well liked by everyone who worked with her and that she was a member of Tinker Inter-tribal Council.



HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY!

Jarod Willie Mosquito celebrated his first birthday with a dinner and party on March 25. His first birthday was filled with love and happiness. Jarod is the third child of Craige and Debbie Mosquito of Mounds. His grandparents are Willie Joe and Lena Mosquito of Liberty and Tom and Mary Shirley of Okmulgee.

They wish to express their thanks to all who attended the celebration and who helped to make the day a blessed occasion to remember.



# Approved National Council Minutes

FEBRUARY 25, 1984

**INVOCATION:** Dan Barnett

**CALL TO ORDER:** Speaker Carney Roberts

**ROLL CALL:** A quorum was declared with seventeen members present, and it was also stated that all business transacted during this session would be considered valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

All members were present.

**READING OF MINUTES:** The minutes had been mailed prior to this meeting. The Chair entertained discussion or amendments of the minutes for the January 28, 1984 Quarterly Meeting.

Helen Chupco proposed to amend the amendments as follows: Page two-line two by deleting the word "recommended" and adding in its place the word "propose". Line five-insert the phrase "and the staff were not aware" after the word "Bill" and before "of Section", etc. Page three-line ten correct the date by changing 1984 to 1983. The Chair entertained a motion for the approval of the minutes of January 28, 1984. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Burden to approve the minutes as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being all in favor. Motion carried. The minutes of January 28, 1984 were approved by a unanimous vote of approval and were recorded as such in the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. The Speaker advised that "Mr. Robert W. Trepp, will be serving as "Acting Parliamentarian" during this session of January 28, 1984.

**INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUEST:** Principal Chief Cox, Robert Y. Davis, Controller, Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

A. Old Business-None

B. New Business-None

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:** The Chair entertained a motion to place (2-A) Regulating Public Gaming within Creek Nation, on the agenda for consideration. Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Chupco to place (2A) on the agenda for consideration during this session. Voting results: all were in favor. Item (2A) was placed on the agenda; read and considered. The Ordinance having been read the Chair entertained discussion or amendments. Discussion was held and amendments were made. **The Chair entertained a motion to amend Bill (2A) Regular Public Gaming, etc.** A motion was made by Bible to amend the BILL (2A) as stated. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in favor, one abstention and two against. Fox-abstaining; Thomas-no and McIntosh-no. Motion carried. Upon a motion duly made seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval, the amendments were approved as read. **The Chair entertained further discussion or amendments:** A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Cloud to amend Title VIII Section 504 by changing the 5% to 2%. A motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in favor, two against and one abstention. Joe Fox-abstain; Sandy McIntosh-no, and Alexander Thomas-no. Motion carried, the amendment was approved as read, and will be recorded as such.

**The Chair entertained a motion to approve Bill 2-A Regulating Public Gaming within the Muscogee Nation.** A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Burden to approve Bill (2A) as read. Voting results were: Thirteen in favor, three against and no abstentions. The "No" were: Sandy McIntosh, Joe Fox and Alexander Thomas. Motion carried, the "Bill" 2A an Amendment to NCA 81-29 Establishing an Office of a Parliamentarian to the Office of the National Council. **The Chair entertained a motion.** A motion was made by McIntosh and seconded by Johnson to place item (2B) on the agenda for consideration. Upon duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Sixteen in favor. Motion carried. Bill (2-B) was placed on the agenda for consideration and was read as follows: **Section 101. NCA 81-29 Establishing the Office of Parliamentarian to the National Council, is hereby amended as follows:** A) In the title of the Ordinance, delete the word "Office, and substitute in its place the word "position"; (B) In section 101, delete the word "Office", and substitute in its place the word "position". **Section 102** The parliamentarian shall be a citizen of the Muscogee Nation. The Ordinance having been read and considered the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Thomas to approve (2B) as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Sixteen in favor. Motion carried. Upon a unanimous vote of approval "Bill 2-B entitled "Amending the NCA 81-39 "Establishing the Office of the Parliamentarian to the National Council was approved", and will be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

**Reports, Announcements, etc:** Planning Session-March 15, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Burden and upon a unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned; Benediction: Helen Chupco.

## "Navajo Times" First Daily Indian Newspaper...

The "Navajo Times", on March 20, will become the first Indian-owned-and-operated newspaper to be published on a daily basis. The Navajo paper will be issued five times a week, Monday to Friday, will also be expanding its content. Editor Mark Trahant said the paper has subscribed to the United Press International news service to improve its coverage of national and international events. A number of new columnists have been added. They include Ellen Goodman, George Will, Lou Cannon, David Broder, Tom Shales, Jane Bryant Quinn and a Navajo food editor. The tribal enterprise which publishes the paper has purchased a new press so that the paper can be printed locally on the reservation.

## Arizona Considering Tax on Reservation Cigarette Sales

Both houses of the Arizona legislature are considering bills to tax cigarette sales to non-Indians on reservations. The BIA tribal newsletter of the Phoenix area reports that the bills would force the Indians "to start collecting the state's \$1.50-a-carton luxury tax on cigarettes sold to non-Indians." Sponsors of the bills told the "Arizona Republic" they are sure the bills would be enacted. Tribal leaders are continuing to fight against the measures which they maintain would drive the烟shops on the reservations out of business. The Arizona legislation is modeled after a Washington state law that was challenged by various courts for a decade before it was upheld by the Supreme Court in 1980. One Arizona legislator who does not support the bills, Jim Kelly of Scottsdale, made this comment: "We give tax breaks from one end of the spectrum to the other to promote economic growth. The Indians have played by the rules, and now we're changing the rules."

## Letter From Evangelist Ernest Best:

We greet you in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light, who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son." Col. 1:12-13

God is still reaching down and delivering men and women out of the powers of darkness. Last month, we were at Schurz, Nevada, among our Paiute Indian people. The Baptist Mission, which is only one year old, has gone through a lot of persecution. One of the men who was saved and has completely turned his life over to God for service used to be their lead singer in their Indian religion. He was convicted of keeping his dance costume and other things he used in the old religion, so he, along with others brought his things to the church to be burned. He is now one of the strongest leaders and workers in the mission. He leads the singing in the worship services. He has seen his wife and one daughter come to the Lord. However his actions brought quite a reaction from the community and persecution to the church.

Because of his strong feelings in the community and unrest in the Church, we did not know what to expect during the revival, but God moved in great power and there were four adults and one girl saved. The Christians were greatly strengthened and blessed also. Several expressed that these were the greatest two weeks of their lives.

The second week, we were at Stillwater reservation, which is about 50 miles from Schurz. The people of the mission at Schurz had prayed and made preparation for the meeting at Stillwater. Satan tried to use the problems at Schurz to stop the meeting at Stillwater, but God prevailed. Praise God for the tribal chairman, who persuaded others to let us come for the meeting. This was the first revival that anyone could remember on that reservation. We met in the Tribal Housing Authority Building. The Lord really blessed in the meeting. The first night there were 26 present and the attendance increased each night, with 76 percent on Friday night for the final service. God honored His Word, and there were six saved during the week.

We could see much more being accomplished by the Lord in this meeting. The people of the Stillwater reservation have become very divided, with a lot of feelings between people of Stillwater and Schurz, because of tribal politics. It was with a lot of fears that the people of Schurz prepared, prayed, and went to Stillwater. It was with the grace of God that they were able to show Christian love and concern in spite of old hurts. The ladies prepared refreshments each night and a pot luck supper on Friday night. People stayed late each night after the service, drinking coffee and fellowshiping. One young Christian woman remarked, "You don't know what a miracle this is to see some of these people talking to one another."

Some of the Christians at Schurz plan to go to Stillwater each week to meet with the Christians there for a service. Pray for these people. They are new Christians, some only a year old in the Lord. They have gotten a real vision of missions. We are thanking God for His faithfulness to save and bring people out of the darkness.

We ask you to pray for our safety as we travel and for good health. Please pray that God's power will be upon our lives as we preach and teach the Word of God. We thank you for your prayers and financial support. May God richly bless you as you serve Him.

In His Service,  
Brother Ernest & Bennie Best

## Creek Woman, Karen Wilde, Selected 1983 "Outstanding Young Woman of America"

Karen Wilde, Creek, has been selected for Outstanding Young Women of America for 1983 Award. The Award was presented by the Board of Advisors of the Outstanding Young Women of America Association, in recognition of Ms. Wilde's personal and professional achievements.

Ms. Wilde, niece of Creek Second Chief George Miller and Mrs. Miller, is currently employed by Cherokee Nation as a Personnel Analyst.

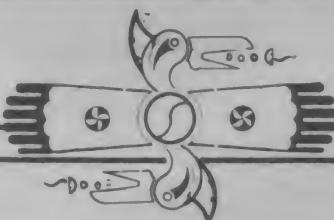
She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.H. (Kathryn Bible) Jones of Tulsa, and the granddaughter of Mr. Dave Bible and the late Leona Bemo, and Ms. Helen Wilde and the late Oscar Wilde. She has a nine-year old daughter, DeAna Nell.

Ms. Wilde is currently attending the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Native American Assistance Program,

Native American Personnel Management Intern Program in Dallas.

Graduating from Northeastern State University in 1978, Ms. Wilde holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a minor in Management. She also has an Associate degree in Secretarial Science from Haskell Jr. College. Ms. Wilde, before coming to Cherokee Nation in 1982, served as an administrative assistant and research coordinator for the NEOSU Minority Biomedical Support Program.

Her professional affiliations include: secretary of the Northeastern Oklahoma Chapter of the North American Indian Women's Association and member of the Muskogee Personnel Assoc. She has also been the recipient of the Lake Wood Girl Scout Council 1982 Valuable Service Award for community and civic involvement.



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## Indian Families Victims Of April Morris Tornado

By Kathryn Bell

The aftermath of the April 26 tornado that fatefully struck just before midnight in Okmulgee and the small community of Morris (that destroyed 70% of the town) left 13 dead and approximately 120 injured.

The southeast part of Okmulgee and the northwest part of Morris was ravaged as the killer tornado, in almost a one mile wide swath, cut its path of destruction for 12 miles. The town is now a macabre specter of itself.

There is a certain nightmarish quality to the scene weeks after the storm - the calmness of the clear, unclouded sky juxtaposed against the scene of chaos as the people of Morris dig out. For those who lived through the hellish ordeal, the nightmares continue as they try to decide a course for their lives - some of which are as shattered as the rubble where there loved ones and homes once were.

Eyewitness and survivor in the Morris tornado, Pat Bunner, remembers the events of that night that will remain in the memory of Morris residents for a long time to come - "I was leaving my home in Morris about midnight to go pick up a friend in Okmulgee. I had left my children and her children at home with my teenage daughter. It was lightning and hailing a little. I had heard that Okmulgee was under a storm warning, but knew nothing about a tornado approaching. When I got to the stop sign at the main corner a dust storm was ahead and just as I was nearing the Supermart store, the pickup in front of me about three car lengths suddenly was picked up by the tornado and tumbled about three times," Pat recalled in the horror of that night, "then immediately my '73 Fiat was picked up and thrown against a tree about 60 feet away - I remember a tree laying over my car and I kept trying to open the door and get out but each time, the force of the wind blew it shut. Finally, I managed to get out and as I was, a tree limb hit me in the face (this injury required stitches and treatment for a broken nose). As I was trying to grab ahold of a light pole to hang onto to keep from blowing away, debris and objects kept hitting me - I wound up with crushed fingers and torn muscles in one arm, and

something big hit my legs as I finally managed to grab hold of the light pole and stand up. But whatever it was that hit my legs, hurt, but didn't break them. At that time I also saw a Volkswagen being hurtled through the air." Pat continued, "I then saw a patrol car and they drove up and got me into their car - they were as confused as I was. We started forward, but an electric pole fell in front of us and we had to drive through the downed wires. The car started smoking and one policeman yelled for us to jump out and we did. They then took me over to the First Baptist Church lot and placed me inside a bus that had not been hit - the rest of the church had been hit."

"I don't remember how long I laid there but then I could hear people yelling for help...at one time in there I thought I probably wouldn't make it...I just kept thinking about all of those people who didn't know what had happened because there was no way they could have known until it already hit us," she recalled, continuing "By this time everyone was looking for one another, and a man and his son came by the bus and helped me out and all the time I just wanted to get back to the house to see about the children - I have to say that while I was in that bus that I did a lot of praying for those kids - those prayers were answered - my 7 and 4-year old were not injured and neither was my friend's daughter. The house wasn't touched either," she said emotionally. "Anyway the man and his son would not let me go back to the house, but put me in the County Sheriff's car and rushed me to the hospital. I'm thankful that we are alive - God was with us..."

Another Morris woman whose family was in the tornado, said simply of their survival - "It's a miracle." With a thankful heart, but still traumatized by the tornado, Bessie and Malcolm Nevaquya, both disabled, are trying to bounce back in the aftermath of the tornado that took the life of their neighbor, a retired man who's home was also leveled. The Nevaquya's home was relatively undamaged except for some windows broken, shingles blown off and a crack in the wall. (See TORNADO, page 4)

### Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Scheduled For Rodeo Arena At Creek Nation 10th Annual Indian Rodeo, June 15

The official grand opening of the new Creek Nation Rodeo Arena is scheduled with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 7:45 p.m. before the first performance of the 10th Annual Creek Nation Indian Rodeo. Principal Chief Cox will be on hand with several state and local dignitaries. The arena is located across Highway 75 from the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee.



A RECEPTION FOR MISS INDIAN OKLAHOMA, Leslie Ann Barichello, was held May 6, from 2-4 p.m. at the Tribal Complex. The reception for the 21-year old Creek beauty was sponsored by Creek Nation and the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women. (See Miss Indian Oklahoma Story on Page 4.)

### '84 Revenue Sharing Funds Vied For By National Council

By Helen Chalakos

A veto by Principal Chief Cox to a Bill passed April 19 at a Special Meeting of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council was the first order of business at the regularly scheduled meeting on April 29.

The original Bill, NCA 84-17, was submitted at the Special Meeting by the Principal Chief and called for the approval of the 1984 Revenue Sharing Funds Budget outlining a proposed \$5,000 to the Creek Nation Festival, \$5,000 to the Creek Nation 10th Annual Rodeo and \$91,396 to be appropriated for capital acquisition and land improvements which would expand the tangible assets of Creek Nation, primarily the Creek Nation Sports Complex currently under construction across the highway from the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee. Specific purposes outlined for the

funds are for the rodeo arena lighting and seating; and the construction of adequate parking areas to be completed before the rodeo scheduled June 15-16.

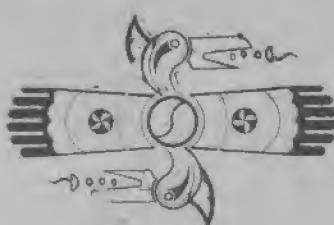
At a Revenue Sharing Hearing preceding the Special Meeting, the Council discussed over an hour the possibilities of the Revenue Fund usage. Matters such as the Creek Nation Rodeo Association having already announced the date and location of the 10th Annual at the CN Sports Complex Arena were discussed and also the fact that the arena and surrounding area were not yet completed because of lack of funds.

Also, the possibility of both the rodeo and festival having to be cancelled due to funding needs not (See FUNDS, page 3)



## Haskell Centennial Celebration Set...

The following schedule of events have been listed for the Centennial Celebration of Haskell Indian Junior College from September, 1984 - May, 1985; September 28 - Centennial Opening Convocation, October(first week) - All Indian Fast Pitch Tournament, October 12-14 - HOMECOMING WEEKEND with the following activities: Friday - Open House, Alumni Reunions, Arts and Crafts display, Powwow, Art Auction; Saturday - Homecoming Parade.



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Deadline for submission is the Friday prior to the first full week of the meeting of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. Any submission must be brought by the MNN office during working hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

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## Chilocco Reunion

The Chilocco Alumni Association will have a Reunion commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Chilocco Indian School. The Reunion is scheduled for June 8 and 9 at the Quality Inn, I-40 and S. Eastern, Oklahoma City.

We are hoping to have 1000 in attendance for this very special reunion. We are trying to locate "lost" classmates. Help us find Chiloccoans by mailing addresses to us. If you are a lost classmate, please mail your address and name as soon as possible to the Chilocco Alumni Association, Secretary Emily Bunny, P.O. Box 2465, Tulsa, OK 74101, or call (918) 561-8746 (office).

Special features will include a Powwow on Friday night, June 8, at the Motel, and a "Reminiscing Room" will be available throughout the Reunion for those who do not wish to participate in the cocktails/dance activities. We are making a special effort to provide for those who may not have been comfortable with the program in the past.

The first Chilocco Hall of Fame Honorees will be inducted at this Reunion. If you have a nomination, please mail the name, address, and resume' to Hall of Fame Chairman, Overton Cheadle, Rt. 2, Box 10A, Ada, OK 74820. The deadline for nominations is June 1.

Banquet tickets must be purchased by May 20, and can be picked up at the time of registration. We are planning to have a wonderful 100th Anniversary Reunion.

### Weight Loss clinic...

The Creek Nation Clinic is sponsoring a Weight Loss Pool that began April 13 at 9:00 a.m. and will continue to June 8, 9:00 a.m.

Anyone can join the Pool for \$5. The amount of the Pool will be determined by the number of people who enter the contest. This Pool will be divided between 3 winners - First, Second, and Third Place who have lost the most weight. Currently 33 people have signed up. Join now.

### Lake Eufaula Crusade...

The Lake Eufaula Area Crusade will be held May 21-25, 7:30 p.m. nightly at the Fairgrounds in Eufaula. Evangelist Reggie Creekmore will conduct the Crusade and the Song Leader will be J.B. Dreadfulwater.

### Card of Thanks...

We wish to thank friends and relatives and Creek Nation for their help in our time of need, and also Pat Burnett for the use of her telephone. Thank you so very much.

### Joshua Family

### Notice to Churchs...

Area churches wishing to set up a concession stand at the Creek Nation Rodeo will have first choice. For those wishing to do this, their presence is requested at the Rodeo meeting held each Tuesday night.

### Dance Recital...

The Sunshine School of Dance is having a Dance Recital at the Mound Building, May 19, 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Letter...

### DEAR CONCERNED INDIANS:

Somewhere down the line I'm sure that you know of an Indian being fired by a thin blood, but, do you know of a Tribal Government which houses thin blooded Directors to direct the operations of federally funded programs and they do the hiring and firing? If not, let me enlighten you, as this is the case with myself and a co-worker.

We filed an administrative complaint against another co-worker for working two jobs, one from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and another from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., and receiving a salary for both. One salary paid by the "Aid to Tribal Government", a federally funded program and one salary was paid by a state funded agency, "Oklahoma State Board of Education". Upon filing of this complaint many letters were transmitted and eventually a letter of termination was issued for myself and co-worker, at which time reasons for termination were on the grounds of "Administrative Separation". The person holding the two jobs is still employed.

We have exhausted the necessary steps of the Personnel-Policy and Procedures; and at this time we are seeking legal advise and/or legal assistance; but not many lawyers will consider taking the job because they are not familiar with the Tribal Laws and Policy. If you know of anyone that may be interested or that could possibly help, please contact us immediately, we have complete documentation available for your review.

### DUKE HARJO

### ESTHER JONES

P.O. Box 67, Morris OK 74445

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** After the Muscogee Nation News received the above letter, I contacted the Creek Nation Office of Personnel for response and was told at the time it was inappropriate to make comments about the case because contrary to what the letter states, the case is still in the appeal process; they have not exhausted tribal appeal procedure. A decision was rendered from the Executive Director's office on April 6. According to CN personnel policy, the Executive Director's decision could be appealed, and was. The grievance now has been directed to the Principal Chief. Again, according to CN personnel policy, the Chief is required to seat a panel to hear the case and that hearing has been set. In keeping with 'confidentiality of employee's rights', the CN Office of Personnel offered no more comments on the matter.



## CN Indian Child Welfare Needs Adoptive Parents

The Creek Nation Indian Child Welfare Program announced that more adoptive parents are needed for Creek children who are in need of families. Some of these children are brothers and sisters and the staff of Indian Child Welfare would like to see them raised together.

If you would like to be an adoptive parent, please notify Helen Coon, (918) 756-8700, Ext. 303, or Pat Frank, Ext. 394, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK, for applications.

### A.A.I.P. 13th Annual Conference Scheduled

The Association of American Indian Physicians' (AAIP) 13th Annual Meeting will be held August 1-2 at the Fond du Lac Reservation located near Duluth, Minnesota.

This year's conference is a joint effort with the Fond du Lac Reservation; University of Minnesota School of Medicine, Duluth; and the Mash-Ka-Wisen Treatment Center. "Chronic Diseases Relating to the American Indian" is the theme of the meeting. Health issues to be addressed will include diabetes, obesity, nutrition, hypertension, and cardiovascular diseases as they relate to the American Indian.

For further information, please contact the AAIP office at 6805 South Western, Suite 504, Oklahoma City, OK 73139, or call (405) 631-0447.

### CN Clinic Schedule...

The Creek Nation Mobile Clinic will schedule the following clinics for every Wednesday: Well-Baby Clinic and O.B.'s, Pap Smears and Family Planning. In addition, the Well-Baby Clinic will be held at Okemah on Mondays.



## FUNDS continued...

yet met; and how the Revenue Sharing Funds could meet that need was explained to the Council by attending administrative personnel. If a cancellation did come about, a ten-year tradition created by a resolution passed long before this Council came into being, proclaiming the third weekend in June as the official Creek Holiday would be disrupted. It was explained to the Council how important this time frame is to literally hundreds of Creek families who plan their vacations at this time to attend and participate in the events, as well as reunite with their friends and families.

All these considerations were put before the National Council in hopes they would pass the resolution allowing the completion of the arena and the appropriation to the festival and rodeo production.

At one time, the possibility of distributing the funds among individual communities was discussed. They were informed that funds had already been set aside for community usage in areas of need to be determined by individual communities.

After the Revenue Sharing Hearing, the Council went into session and all discussion about the Sports Complex and community usage was totally disregarded when Joe Fox, McIntosh District Representative along with Sandy McIntosh of the same district and Clarence Cloud, Creek District Representative recommended that half the funds be used for unspecified council training. This recommendation went into immediate action in the form of motion and second by Cloud and Fox. The motion carried with the exception of several abstentions.

When the Bill was submitted to Chief Cox for action, he vetoed it because earlier in the month the Council had been allocated travel and training funds from the tribal government budget in the amount of \$23,500 for a six month period. With the additional Revenue Sharing funds, the Council would total sixty-nine thousand, one hundred ninety-eight dollars to be spent in now less than six months.

Chief Cox contends that since the Revenue Sharing Funds are of a more flexible nature, they would be used on projects building up tribal assets for the Creek people. Since the Sports complex was being built for all Creeks to use and will later be used to generate additional revenue for the tribe, this is where he sees the most need for the Revenue Sharing Funds to be put to use.

Before the veto went into vote, more discussion was conducted, pro and con to the issue. Leah Stacy, Okmulgee District Representative, commented the committee which the issue had been assigned to had not been able to meet due to lack of a quorum.

Joe Fox, who originally recommended that half the funds be appropriated for council training, stated, "I did say for training, but if we change our minds, we can," (referring to specified use by the Council.) He continued, "I say, we the Council have the right to say where the money goes." Then

Alexander Thomas, Wagoner/Rogers/Mayes District Representative agreed the usage be left open, and was



THE ELDERLY EASTER SERVICES AT CREEK NATION found (left to right) Stella Roberts, Emma Bruner, Lisa Sanders, and Pat Frank donning aprons in preparation to serve Easter Dinner to 275 people at the Dinner held at the Complex on April 19. Services began with a Prayer and Song by Rev. George Miller, with Chief Cox giving the Welcome, and Rev. Almer Berryhill delivering the sermon. The Yeager and Eufaula Headstart presented a program at the Mound building.

promptly reminded by Second Speaker Perry Beaver that it was only fair if the Council asked the Chief to line itemize, then the Council should have to do the same.

More discussion about overriding the veto was held. Most of the discussion centered around what would happen to the Bill if the veto stood and what would happen if an override took place.

Bill Burden, Okfuskee District Representative suggested they ask the CN legal counsel, Geoffrey Standing Bear who was present. Standing Bear assured them, "If you override a veto, that's one thing...but

if it isn't (overridden), it has to be re-submitted." At this time, Alexander Thomas insisted he thought they were all "mixed up".

Sandy McIntosh stated, "Let's try to see how many will override", and made a motion to vote on the issue. According to Robert's Rules of Order, three-fourths, plus one, must vote against the veto for an override to pass. Six "NO" votes killed the override and the veto stood. The matter was put back into committee for consideration of re-submission. At this time the 1984 Revenue Sharing Funds are inaccessible until the matter is resolved.

### Tribal Employee Selected For Deep Fork CAP Board of Directors

Steve Wilson, Manager of the Community Research and Development program at Creek Nation, has been selected to serve on the Board of Directors of the Deep Fork Community Action Foundation, Inc. from the private sector.

"I feel honored that Chief Cox has nominated me for this position and that I was selected to serve on the Board," said Wilson who feels that his service on the Board will reflect positively for the tribe - "The more we become involved with other agencies, and the more they learn about Indian tribes and visa versa, the results will be better coordination of services between tribal and state and local governments. By this coordination, we will be able to provide a greater range of programs without duplication of effort." He continued "The programs administered by the Deep Fork Community Action Foundation in many ways, correspond to the programs administered by Creek Nation and the Deep Fork agency aware of each others programs so that both agencies can extend services to more people."

Wilson also serves as the Chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging and is on the Governor's State Council on Aging.

### IT'S A BOY! . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Alfred Wilson of Morris announce the arrival of their second child, Clinton Alfred Wilson. Clinton was born at 4:34 p.m. Monday, April 9, at the Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds and 12½ ounces and measured 19 inches in length.

Clinton has a two-year old sister, Laura Anne of the home. His maternal grandparents are Jim and Carmen Fife of Dustin and his late paternal grandparents are Alvie and Ruth Wilson of Tulsa.





JUNIOR MISS INDIAN OKLAHOMA, (L), Karen Harjo, 15 year-old Creek-Seminole, attends Southeast High School at Oklahoma City. Karen attended the reception for Miss Indian Oklahoma at the Creek Tribal Complex with her parents, Billy Joe and Katie Harjo.

## Miss Indian Oklahoma

Leslie Ann Barichello, a 21-year old University of Oklahoma senior was proclaimed winner and crowned Miss Indian Oklahoma in concluding ceremonies of the 1984 Miss Indian Oklahoma pageant held in Oklahoma City, April 21. Her escort was Joe Don Radar, Creek, from Midwest City.

Leslie, an Accounting major at the University of Oklahoma, is the daughter of Vernon and Millie Ketcheshawno of Shawnee, the granddaughter of Daniel and Mandy Phillips, Sr. and the niece of Pohos Harjo.

She is a former Creek Nation Princess, Shawnee Inter-Tribal Gourd Clan Princess and Potawatamie All Nations Powwow Princess.

Sponsored by the Creek Nation, Leslie and the other candidates participated for the coveted title in a series of competitive events during the two day pageant held at the Lincoln Plaza Hotel. All candidates were judged on their performance in the events by a panel of distinguished American Indians from Oklahoma who were also noted for their personal achievements.

Selection of a Miss Indian Oklahoma is primarily based upon her knowledge of her own tribe and Indian people, Indian characteristics, involvement with Indian people, scholastic achievements, poise, communications skills, talent and appearance.

Leslie's winning talent in the pageant was a contemporary dance for her Modern Talent division and for her Traditional Talent, she performed a Creek stomp dance.

A statement of the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women concerning Miss Indian Oklahoma presents the following expectations: "Miss Indian Oklahoma must strive to

make known the role of the Indians of Oklahoma as a contributing citizen in making Oklahoma the progressive state that it is. She has the responsibility of representing the Indians of Oklahoma in the highest possible manner. Miss Indian Oklahoma must possess deep pride in her Indian heritage so that she can serve as a representative of good will to all the people of the state as well as the entire country."

The Miss Indian Oklahoma pageant was first held in 1973 and continues to be conducted annually by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women, who are the sponsors for the official activities of Miss Indian Oklahoma. The Federation itself was founded in 1969 and the pageant is among a number of major efforts engaged in by the organization promoting American Indians and tribes in Oklahoma.

Crowned as the twelfth Miss Indian Oklahoma by the retiring titleholder, Laurel "Bunty" Anquoe of the Kiowa and Onondaga tribes, Leslie Ann assumed her official duties immediately and can look forward to a busy year of attending and participating in various events within the state as well as outside the state.

Leslie voiced her idea of what being Miss Indian Oklahoma means to her - "This has been an exciting time in my life. It provides me an excellent opportunity to represent my tribe, Indian people, and the state. I feel fortunate to have been selected for the honor and I look forward to traveling and I hope to inspire Indian youth," she said, continuing, "I want to represent something that will motivate Indian youth toward higher goals."

Her advise to future hopefuls for the Miss Indian Oklahoma title - "Be yourself, know about your culture, and above all-enjoy yourself."

Leslie expressed appreciation to those who have supported and encouraged her in the contest, "I appreciate the wonderful support from the Creek people, Creek Nation and all of my friends and relatives. Without them, I wouldn't be anywhere."



### Bacone College Offering Leadership Scholarship

Bacone College is offering the Bacone Leadership Scholarship to selected American Indian students for the 1984-85 academic year. This scholarship will provide tuition assistance to American Indian students who are capable of academic achievement and who can demonstrate strong potential for leadership while pursuing their academic studies at Bacone College.

The Creek Nation Higher Education office has ten copies of the scholarship information form and application at their office in the Mound Building. Those wishing to be considered for this prestigious scholarship will need to have the application filled out and returned to: Ken Collins, Director of Development, Bacone College by June 1, 1984.

## TORNADO continued...

"My daughter and son-in-law and grandchild were here visiting us from Louisiana and we were all in bed. We heard a roaring sound and then I got a call from our pastor in Eufaula - he said "Bessie" then an explosion occurred, a window shattered and I told my daughter and granddaughter to hit the floor. I was pulled off of the bed. We could feel the pressure on our bodies from the force of the tornado. After it was over, we went into the kitchen, my husband was just sitting in the chair and we looked outside and saw all of the damage that had been done. It was dark and quiet out except for the people who began to yell for help. We could see that houses had been blown away and we learned later that our neighbor had been killed in the storm and that his home was destroyed," recounted Mrs. Nevaquya, who said that during the tornado, her house quivered and vibrated, although nothing but her husband's hat was blown off the wall. She recalled in horror - "The wind was just sucking at us - we didn't have time to think about what to do - there was no warning. After it was over, my daughter went into shock..."

In the meantime, Mrs. Nevaquya's son-in-law was jogging with a cousin of her daughter when the storm hit and it began to hail on them. They took shelter under a bridge and then started trying to get to Mrs. Nevaquya's home when they sighted the funnel. They dove into a ditch then after it passed, the son-in-law started running blindly toward town, disoriented and injured by flying debris. Mrs. Nevaquya said that it took an hour to get him "calmed down" then he went out to help the other victims of the storm.

When asked about their family's plans for the future - Mrs. Nevaquya's reply was grim: "We don't have much of a future, we are just going to have to live one day at a time - that's how I look at life now..." Part of the adjustment after such a trauma is in trying to sort through feelings of depression and despair - the Nevaquyas are no exception - "I just can't stand to look outside my house at all that's happened - it's depressing and I just sit here and feel like I'm just waiting - for what I don't know..." she said tearfully. But like the other tornado victims that talked of their ordeal, the Nevaquyas also have a sense of gratitude to a higher power for their lives and the lives of their loved ones; "The good Lord was with us. I know that He has a purpose for

me and I'm going to serve Him and be a witness for Him..."

### Creek Nation Does Their Part

Within hours of the tornado touchdown in Morris, Chief Cox was awakened by a telephone call alerting him to the devastation at Morris. The Chief went immediately to inquire about the welfare of the Indian people in the stricken area, and offered the assistance of Creek Nation to the Red Cross who were mobilized to aid the tornado victims. The Okmulgee Indian Community Center was set up as a shelter for the victims. The Chief then surveyed the damage at Morris and organized Creek Nation programs into action to aid the Indian victims in the area.

The Creek Nation Housing Authority was at the scene early Friday morning after the tornado, doing preliminary assessment of the damage on the twelve Mutual Help homes built by Creek Nation which are located in Morris. The repairs began immediately. "Fortunately, all of the homes got through the tornado sustaining only minimum damage - such as blown-off shingles, shattered windows and some hail damage," reported Ron Scott, Deputy Director of the Creek Nation Housing Authority. Scott said that the estimated cost of the damage to the twelve homes was a low figure of \$5,000-\$7,500.

Steve Wilson, Manager of the Community Research and Development Administration, said that his program had assisted the Indian tornado victims with emergency food and clothing. "We had an Emergency Tribal Fund account earmarked for disasters such as this, and within the week after the tornado, we spent approximately \$7,000 on emergency aid." The Elderly Nutrition Program also assisted in disaster relief by delivering hot lunches to the Indian victims in Morris (after the restrictions were lifted to enter the town).

Kevin Sanders, Manager of the CN Social Services, reported that his program had assisted eight Indian families that were victims of the Morris tornado, under the Miscellaneous Disaster Assistance Fund.

According to Mary Biermann, Manager of the CN Community Health Services, the Primary Health Care Program has processed the medical bills of 15-20 Indian people from the various hospitals that were received in after the tornado.

### Mayor's Proclamation for the City of Morris

The following is part of a Proclamation on behalf of the people of Morris that was issued by Morris Mayor Bob Patterson and the City Council of Morris; **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT THE NATION** that we, the people and government of the City of Morris, Oklahoma, with a firm and steadfast belief in the power of God Almighty, vow that we will, like Lazarus and the legendary Phoenix, rise from our premature grave to again build and restore our homes, our business, our government and our lives, stronger and more beautiful than ever before. **FURTHER PROCLAIM**, that we shall not be defeated but shall capitalize on this adversity which will only make us stronger. We shall bury our dead; we shall care for our injured; **BUT**, we shall not bury our City! We resolve to rebuild and give rebirth to what we believe to be the best little city in America!



# CN Service Programs Help Creek People

**"When given the factors of lack of education, poor job skills, and a generally deprived background common to minorities - it is a miracle when these people succeed!" . . .**

Joblessness and economic calamity have affected virtually every segment of American society, but particularly hard hit are our Indian people, who have traditionally been on the bottom of the economic ladder. Here in the Creek Nation, the plight of some Creek families struggling to make a living is critical. But with the aids of such human resource programs, typified by the Creek Nation Social Service Program (who in turn refers clients to other Creek Nation programs that can provide assistance) that struggle can have a positive outcome by providing temporary assistance to the family until their economic situation can stabilize.

Kevin Sanders, Manager of the CN Social Services, explained the situation with the majority of clients that come to his program seeking assistance - "Our Ongoing cases consist of unemployables who have never worked and do not possess any type of skill, have no transportation, or have some chronic condition hindering them from steady employment. They have been turned down by every available assistance agency and are usually in the age bracket of 40-60 years old," he said, further explaining that his program processes an average caseload of 369 people a month, and that 5,100 cases (each case representing an individual or an entire family) were handled by his program this past year. This figure represents one-fifth of the Creek Nation Indian population.

"The program has spent a quarter of a million dollars this year for assistance to families with no income," Sanders stated, explaining that this figure represents funds from General Assistance, which are often not adequate to meet the needs of the people seeking the assistance - "We have had to request a General Funds Supplement from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Central Office to finish the year - we have had to do that for the last two years - this indicates that our resources have not been adequate," then Sanders quickly added, "but we have not had to turn anyone away." Sanders addressed a specific area of need among the Indian elderly clients - "In the age bracket of 60, these clients have only a few years before they can apply for elderly benefits, but usually these benefits take a lengthy amount of time for their application to be processed. We then need to fill in the time gap by assisting them until their benefits arrive.

In a concluding statement, Sanders posed the dilemma of Indians, in an age of self-determination, still living under the cloud of dependence on assistance programs. "Historically, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has always provided for the needs of our Indian people to the point of creating an unhealthy reliance on these programs. It is this dependence factor that is destructive in that it provides very little motivation to be self-reliant."

The following interviews are with clients of the Creek Nation Social Services Program that tell of the difficulties these Creek people encounter in their daily struggle to make a living, and how Creek Nation Programs have provided temporary assistance. The identity of these clients are not disclosed in the interviews in order to protect client confidentiality.

**Mr. and Mrs. L., residents of the Creek Nation area, have 5 children, ages 14, 12, 9, 5, and 3 and have custody of a nephew. When they returned to the Creek Nation area from another state, they were both unemployed and without resources to make a living.** Although the middle-aged couple were both born and raised in this area, they have lived out of state where Mr. L. was employed as an electrician. Their life was good there until Mr. L. was laid off - they returned home to the Creek Nation area hoping to find work and new opportunity. They did find the opportunity and after much hard work

and temporary assistance from Creek Nation - their story has a happy ending.

"When we moved here from Kansas City two years ago, we had nothing except a tiny house that had belonged to my mother. All of our married lives we have been independent and have made our own way until my husband got laid off. There was nothing to do but uproot our family, which was very hard, and come back to the five acres we had here in Eufaula," said Mrs. L., explaining their living conditions upon their move to Eufaula - "We lived in this house for six months without running water and bathroom facilities. Both of us were unemployed and we didn't know anything about Creek Nation. But someone told us that Creek Nation could help us - so we went there and got commodities and the Direct Assistance Program (Social Services) helped us with income for about three months. We also made application for the house to be renovated through the Home Improvement Program in January,

1983. Well, my husband and I both have jobs now with the Eufaula Boarding School and our house was completed this past March," she exclaimed cheerfully. "Our moving back here turned out for the best and we think that people should really appreciate what Creek Nation has done for their people. A lot of our people won't make use of Creek Nation programs because they have too much pride - but sometimes you must put pride aside and let someone help you until you get on your feet - because like us, they will make it eventually."

The small one-room frame house, devoid of water and plumbing facilities, was completely renovated by the Creek Nation Home Improvement Program under the Environmental Services Administration. The family made application in January, 1983, with the work beginning on January 18, and it was completed this past March.

The scope of work on the house included: a septic system installed by the Indian Health Services, enlargement of the living room and installation of a new roof, siding, windows, storm windows, doors, stormdoors, porch, sheet rock, electrical wiring, insulation, double floors, plumbing, flues, wood heater, exterior and interior paint. In addition, new cabinets and trimwork and linoleum were installed in the home interior.

**Mrs. M. is the sole support of herself and two cousins, ages 8 and 10, that she has raised since they were infants and that she is trying to adopt. Due to a health condition and poor job skills, she is unemployed and must support her family on the \$228 a month that she receives from the CN Social Services General Assistance program.** "My husband left me recently and now it is up to me to support myself and these girls - it's tough but with the help of Creek Nation and my family, we are making it," said Mrs. M. who is afflicted with arthritis in both knees, which limits her mobility.

Mrs. M. has raised two of her cousins but is not eligible for support from the state due to a quirk in the Department of Human Services criteria guidelines that will not allow a guardian who has custody of cousins, Aid For Dependent Children (AFDC) support. The problem is further compounded by Mrs. M.'s not being able to adopt the children because the Creek Nation courts are without power presently to hear child custody cases - the tribal court is waiting for an opinion from the U.S. Solicitor's office in the Department of Interior in Washington, D.C. Mrs. M. is not able to afford a lawyer but has appealed to Legal Aid for guardianship of the children, which she received but due to budget cuts and a large backlog

of cases, Legal Aid has not come through for her yet. All of the ramifications of the inadequacy of the system have left Mrs. M. frustrated but determined. "I'll fight to keep these girls," she said emphatically. "I do everything I can to make it - but without the help of Creek Nation, I wouldn't know what to do," she added in exasperation.

Mrs. M. supplements her meager income by doing odd jobs such as cleaning, laundry, babysitting and sewing in the neighborhood. "I try to do everything I can possible do to help myself," she said. She is fortunate that she lives in a neighborhood that is close knit and where mutual welfare of one another is commonplace - "my neighbors help me in anyway they can. They take me places I need to go because I am without transportation, and they let me use their telephone." Mrs. M.'s brothers also help her by providing transportation and other necessities when she is running low.

Out of the \$228 General Assistance funds Mrs. M. receives, she must pay for utilities, make a payment on the modest but neat trailer home she lives in, a furniture payment, clothing and miscellaneous expenses and food that the \$141 she receives in Food Stamps does not stretch far enough to purchase. "It's close, and we have been low on food, but we have never had to go without it," she said.

"If I really watch the money I get and manage it wisely, I am able to get by - but only through the help that I have received through Creek Nation," she continued.

To stretch her food budget Mrs. M. has a neatly-rowed garden, and she and the girls raise rabbits. In addition, she attends local yard sales and shops at Goodwill when she has the opportunity. She also makes most of her families clothing. The two girls also do their part - they help with the cooking, cleaning, and sewing. Both girls are good students and are involved in the Indian activities at school, as well as in other extracurricular activities.

"I'm raising these girls right and I give them discipline and love. I always tell them that we may not have much, but one thing we don't have a limit on - and that's love!" she laughed cheerfully, pointing with pride to the photographs of the two smiling girls. "I tell them every day that I love them...children need that," she said softly.

What hope does Mrs. M. have for the future? "I hope to get off of General Assistance and as soon as the tribal court comes through and I am able to adopt these girls, then I can get help from AFDC. I then hope to become a Elderly Care Provider in my home through the state welfare department - that will give me an income and means of support." It's a long shot for Mrs. M. in her struggle to



# CASTLE

By Christine Henneha

An appreciation dinner was given to the JOM seniors in the middle school multi-purpose building on May 1. The dinner was arranged by the JOM Committee and Home School Aide-Christine Henneha, Betty Scott, Chris Burgess, Michael Bowen, Minnie Harjo and Geneva Douglas. JOM has eleven seniors at Okemah and three at Mason.

Six seniors and parents present from Okemah were: Rhonda Johnson and Mrs. Ernestine Johnson; Charlene Cody Beaver and Mrs. Wanda McNac; Ramona Talamasey and Mrs. Pat Henneha; Lillian Harjo and Mrs. Bertha Sands; Tamara Walker and Mrs. Inez Walker; Tina Franks and Mrs. and Mr. Jimmy Severs.

Mike Hicks and Mrs. Banson Hicks were present from Mason.

Those present from Okemah were: Mr. Halloway, Mr. Green, Mrs. Shirley Parks, Mrs. Lambeth. Those present from Mason were: Mr. Smart, Mr. McFarland and Mr. Lambeth.

Chief Cox was unable to attend, however, Mr. Carney Roberts, Mr. Dan Burgess, Dr. Bowen and Valerie Littlecreek, Title 4 Counselor were in attendance.

The Lord's Prayer in Indian sign language was given by Sunnie Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Famous Marshall.

Okemah Indian seniors are: Rhonda Johnson, daughter of Grady and Ernestine Johnson; Kim King, daughter of James and Mrs. King; Charlene Cody Beaver, daughter of Sam Beaver and Wanda McNac; Rhonda Talamasey, daughter of Pat Henneha and Andrew Talamasey; Debbie Phillips, daughter of Martin and Betty Phillips; Brian and Bruce Sands and Lillian Harjo, parents are Jonah and Bertha Sands; Damon Edminstein, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Edminstein; Tamara Walker, daughter of Tommy and Inez Walker; and Tina Franks, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Severs.

Mason Indian seniors and parents are: Mike Hicks, son of Banson and Norma Jean Hicks; Barbara Hicks, daughter of Earl and Wisey Sands; and Johnny Morgan, son of Josephine Morgan.

See you next month from Castle News!

## CN Service Programs Help Creek People-continued...

make it on her own, but with her determination and realistic attitude, she thinks she'll make it. "I am a firm believer that there isn't such a thing as 'can't' - if you make up your mind to do something - you can do it, and I've made up my mind to do it!" she said in absolute resolve, adding sternly, "I've seen people that are far worse off than me, and I'm just thankful for what I have."

Sanders said that the long-range plans for Mrs. M. would be to assist her in obtaining adoption of her children so that she could be eligible for AFDC. "Also, if her medical condition (arthritis) worsens, the Social Services Dept. will assist her in making application for Social Services Disability payments."

# ARBEKA

By Eliza Hicks

The first dance of the season! This occasion always seems to rejuvenate the feeling of togetherness shared by the members here. As each family arrives to make camp, greetings are shouted from others already there, and even though only days before we were all together, it's like seeing old friends after a long separation. This was our setting on the evening of May 4th as we looked to the first of the ceremonial of this year.

On Saturday, rain started our day but it didn't last and the rest of the day turned very pleasant. We didn't have a large attendance, but this wasn't unexpected; however, the dancers never wavered until morning when rain descended at the close of the ceremonies.

Many to all who helped with our opening dance. We invited each and all to our upcoming outings, and if you can't stay the night, drop in and say hello and share our meal. Our welcome mat is always out.

On May 19, we'll have our regular scheduled bingo. As time draws near to our bonus prize, our anticipation is rising as we have four persons who are neck and neck for most games won. Good Luck to all.

Anna Cully, one of our campers, underwent surgery at Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City, May 1st and is recovering very nicely. She returned home Sunday, May 6. Hope she will soon be rejoining us in our activities in better health.

Another member, Jonas Artussee, was brought to Arbeka this past weekend where old friends stopped in to greet him. He is still on our sick list and we wish him well.

We also would like to extend belated wishes for recovery to Johnny Fixico of Moore who sustained rib injuries in an auto accident.

Schools are getting ready for summer vacation and graduations are also at hand. To all of our graduates, whether it be grade school, high school, or college, we wish you success in all your endeavors and we pray that our Maker will bless your lives. We hope your Indian heritage will be a proud part of your future and that it will not be lost in the shuffle of our changing times. Happy Graduation Day to you all!

## Archery Contests

Contest will be May 19 at Arbeka Ceremonial Grounds. Registration -12 noon to 1:30 p.m., fee \$5 (subject to change). Practice shooting allowed until 1:30 p.m. Contest will begin at 2 p.m. Rules: Barebow only, shooting distance-50 yds. and 20 rounds. Trophies will be awarded to three highest total scores and groceries will go to the high scorer of each round. Ladies, men and youth will compete together. This contest is sponsored by Robert Hicks. Call 405-745-2643 or 918-652-7795.

The Yahola Artussee Archery Contest will be held June 2 at the Arbeka Ceremonial Ground, with registration from 12 noon -1 p.m. Shooting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Limited to barebow only, with shooting distance 50 yds. Four cash awards of \$100, \$75, \$50, and \$35 will go to contestants having the four highest total scores. Tie-breakers will be decided in a shoot-off. The host will offer a free meal after the contest is completed.



RANDY LOWE (R) WITH DARRELL PROCTOR at the Hanna Athletic Banquet held April 27. Randy received awards for the "Most Improved Player" and "All Conference" in basketball. Darrell received the "Best All Around Athlete" award.

## DEATHS

### RANDY LOWE

Funeral services were held May 16 for 18-year old Randy Lowe who died as a result of an accident on May 12 just hours after his senior graduation ceremony from Hanna High School where he had received a Science Award and was recognized for his athletic ability in basketball. Randy had attended all 12 years at Hanna School. This year he received All-Star and All-Conference awards in basketball. He was team captain for the past two years.

Born February 15, 1966, Randy is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Lowe of Hanna and one brother, Mose Lowe, of the home and paternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lowe, also of Hanna. Services were conducted at the Hanna First Baptist Church with Reverend Bill Wheeler, Hanna School Superintendent, officiating and Reverend Frank Billy assisting. Pallbearers and singers were students and friends from Hanna High School.

### MILDRED McCOMBS CUMMINGS

Services for Mrs. Mildred McCombs Cummings, 67, of Hanna were conducted May 10 at Tuskegee Indian Baptist Church with Reverend Dan Phillips officiating. Burial was in the Tuskegee Cemetery.

Born January 16, 1917, at Vivian, Mrs. Cummings died after a lengthy illness at Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah. She was a member of Tuskegee Indian Baptist Church. She married Thomas R. Cummings in Fort Smith, Ark., in 1956, and was a retired employee of the Creek Nation.

She attended Chilocco Indian School and Eufaula Public Schools.

Survivors include her son, Tommy Jr., of Muskogee; five sisters: Evelyn Sue Eddy of Globe, Arizona; Vivian McCosar and Elizabeth Hill, both of Tulsa; Mary Deerinwater of McAlester; and Bessie Lou Pope of Paoli, Kansas. One brother, George W. McCombs of Wewoka; two stepdaughters, Louella Lee of Eufaula; and Mary Catherine Giertz of Covina, California. Two

stepsons, David Cummings of Eufaula and Connie Ed Cummings of Oklahoma City; two grandchildren and several step grandchildren.

### SISTER DAVIS

Funeral services for Sister Davis, 80 were conducted April 28, at the Hillabee Indian Baptist Church. Rev. Austin Barnett officiated the service.

Interment was in the Hanna Cemetery under the direction of the Shurden Funeral Home.

Mrs. Davis died April 25 in the Creek Nation Community Hospital. She was born November 24, 1903 in Ralford, Ok. and was a resident of Hanna. She was a member of the Hillabee Indian Baptist Church. Her husband, Yoman Davis preceded her in death July 31, 1983.

Survivors include one son, Billy Davis, McAlester, nieces and nephews.

### REV. JIMMIE CAHWEET

Services for the Rev. Jimmie Cahwee were held March 31, at Mutte Loke Indian United Methodist Church, rural Bristow. The Revs. John Lowe and Thomas Long officiated the services. Interment was in the Bigpond Cemetery under the direction of the Smith Funeral Home.

He was born May 20, 1915 in Sapulpa and lived all of his life in the area. He was an Army veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict. He was a minister and had worked as a rate clerk for the Sand Springs Railway 26 years.

Rev. Cahwee was a member of the American Legion. He began his ministry in 1952 in the United Methodist Church and founded Mutte Loke church. He later pastored at the Choska Circuit four years.

He was past district treasurer for the United Methodist Indian Missionary Conference and chairman of the Finance Committee of CFA Conference.

He is survived by his wife, Wanney, four brothers, Mose of Sapulpa, William of Tulsa, Amos of Sand Springs and David of Depew; and one sister, Betty Jones of Sapulpa.



## Creek Christian Band Appears On Television

"Flaming Sword," a local Christian band composed of Indian members, appeared on May 6, at 10:00 a.m. on "Tribes-Voices From The Land," a KOCO-TV (Oklahoma City) Public Affairs presentation hosted by Sammy White.

The newly-formed band plays contemporary Christian music and has appeared in concert throughout the state and at the Creek Nation Tribal Complex.

The Band was interviewed by Sammy "Tonkei" White and they performed two numbers - a bluesy, soul-stirring rendition of a gospel tradition, "Love Lifted Me," and a God-given song entitled "Jesus."

"We are an outreach ministry to the spiritual needs of our people - to help further the teaching of the Word," explained Negiel Bigpond, who started "Flaming Sword" last fall, and who has incorporated the Band into a far-reaching Indian outreach - Morning Star Ministries. "The Band's thrust is to bring youth to the Kingdom of God, while the Morning Star Ministries has a great potential to reach and evangelize our Indian people," said Bigpond, who emphasized, "Our intent is not to pull people away from their churches, but rather, we want to show that all denominations can work together for the uplifting of Jesus and to the glory of God," said Bigpond.

"Flaming Sword" members include Negiel Bigpond, Euchi-Creek from Mounds who plays the bass; Tom Berryhill, Creek from Okmulgee who plays the saxophone; Stan Schooley, Creek from Mounds plays the guitar; Gary Bigpond, Creek from Broken Arrow plays guitar; and Bart Kelley, Euchi-Creek from Sapulpa plays the drums, and Martin White Eagle, Cheyenne from Tulsa plays the keyboard. All of the band members sing.



Flaming Sword on TV-



### Creek OU Student Accepted To Harvard

Michael Christopher Johnson, 20 year-old Creek student at the University of Oklahoma, has been awarded the German Academic Exchange Service fellowship for 1984-85 for graduate study at the University of Kolin in West Germany. The fellowship is awarded to only 50 students in the world, usually to doctoral candidates.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Johnson, Norman. He has also been accepted to Harvard University of Law, where he will complete his degree in International law upon his return from West Germany. He is one of two O.U. students accepted to Harvard. Johnson graduated from O.U., May 12, with a bachelor of business administration degree in finance.

Johnson has been named to several honor rolls and has received numerous honors at O.U. He has had work experience as a legislative assistant for Rep. Cletta Deatherage Mitchell and as a congressional intern for Senator Don Nichols.



### Tarpalechee Selected Most Valuable Guard

Stephanie Tarpalechee, Morris High School Junior, has been selected as the Most Valuable Guard at Morris Toureny and Morris School, and Most Valuable Guard at Bristow. Stephanie is the daughter of Davis and Elouise Perkins of Beggs. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Evelyn Parker of Beggs and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tarpalechee of Okmulgee.

## Letter From Evangelist Best:

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are truly living in exciting times. We see on every hand signs of our Lord's soon return. Paul wrote in II Timothy 3:1, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come." Read verses 2 through 5 and you will see where we really are today. Praise God for His mercy and grace.

During the month of April, we have been in North Dakota, Kansas and Texas. We were in two revivals and one mission conference. God blessed our meeting in North Dakota. We had good crowds. Many came for prayer, rededication, and two young men came for salvation. It was a great week!

The week we spent in Kansas was an unusual week. There was a strange spirit in the church. We prayed and preached, yet there was a barrier. On Thursday evening, Satan made his attack on my body. I had a strange feeling inside, then I began to chill. I had to go to bed, my temperature started rising, and my feet and legs had so much pain in them, I could hardly keep from crying out. My temperature rose to 103 degrees. The pastor, his wife, my wife and I prayed for deliverance. I felt that we had given ground to the devil making light of him in our talk, so we prayed and confessed it as sin. God gave me assurance that I would preach that night. I did preach and God gave unusual power. Many came and confessed sin, others came weeping to pray, and others came for salvation. The sickness and fever left me also during the preaching service. God met with us that week. I lost count of all who were saved. Praise His Holy Name!

I was in a mission conference at First Texas Indian Baptist Church. We had a great time of preaching and fellowship. There were six young people who had been saved, so the conference closed with their being baptized. We see God's Spirit moving among our Indian people, and we rejoice to see them coming out of darkness into the light of our Lord Jesus Christ (Col. 1:12-14).

We need you daily prayers as we go and preach Christ among our people. We must have you hold us up as we move forward in battle against the unseen evils that are out there. Thank you for those prayers and your support.

**In His Service,  
BRO. ERNEST & BENNIE BEST**

**Muscogee (Creek) Council  
Will Meet  
May 26, 1984 - 10:00 a.m.**



## Approved Council Minutes March 31, 1984

**INVOCATION:** Jonas Dunson

**CALL TO ORDER:** Speaker Roberts

**ROLL CALL:** A quorum was declared with sixteen members present, and one absent. Councilmember, Irene Cleghorn - absent. It was declared, also, that any and all transactions made during this session would be considered as valid and will be recorded as such.

**READING OF MINUTES:** The minutes had been mailed prior to this meeting. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Chupco to approve the minutes with the corrections as stated. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions.

### ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

1. Old Business: None

2. New Business:

(3-E) Amendment to NCA 83-21 Giving Authorization for additional tribal contracts for FY 1984. The Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** Tribal Ordinance NCA 83-21, as amended by NCA 83-26 is hereby further amended at section 153 as follows: C. U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs "Eufaula Dormitory". The Ordinance having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Dunn to approve BILL (3-E) as read: Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:** (3-H) A Bill authorizing the purchase of the five acres adjoining the Omniplex Project. The Chair entertained a motion to place this item on the agenda. A motion was made by Burden and seconded by Dunson to place this item on the agenda for consideration. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken results being: fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried.

The ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101. The Principal Chief is hereby authorized and directed to purchase the following described lands for the Muscogee Nation:** "Tract 22 and East half tract 23 of Northside Acres being a part of the North half Northeast quarter of section 31-14N-13E". **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is authorized to expend \$10,600. (more or less) plus actual cost of closing the transaction, all from the budget of "Real Property and Facilities Management/Capital Expenditures Property and Plant", account for the purchase of land(s) described in Section 101. **Section 103.** The Muscogee Nation requests that the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the purchase of lands described in Section 101 under the following title: The United States of America in Trust for the Muscogee Nation of Indians, and hold said lands in trust under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained discussion. Discussion was held with the recommendation that the following phrase be added to Section 101 as follows: "Including surface and mineral rights and all other entitlements" thereby allowing the entire section to read: The Principal Chief is hereby authorized and directed to purchase the following described lands, including surface and mineral rights and all other entitlements, for the Muscogee Nation". A motion was made by Burden and seconded by Dunson to amend (3-H) by adding the recommended language. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The amendment was approved as read. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Cloud to approve Bill (3-H) as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. (3-H) was approved and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none.

### REPORTS:

Committee Assignments: 1. Revenue Sharing to Business & Government Services 2. Tribal Budget-Business & Government Services 3. Contracting of Jones Academy-Human Development. Monday, 2:00 p.m. Business and Governmental Services Meeting BIA Conference Room. Thursday, April 19th, Special meeting to discuss Revenue Sharing Monday - 6:30 p.m.-Thursday, April 19th, Easter for Senior Citizens, 11:00 a.m. dinner.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Chupco to adjourn and upon a unanimous vote of approval, the meeting was adjourned. **BENEDICTION:** Helen Chupco.

## Approved Council Minutes April 29, 1984

**INVOCATION:** Helen Chupco

**CALL TO ORDER:** Speaker Carney Roberts

**ROLL CALL:** A quorum was declared with sixteen members being present. One member absent that being, Larry Bible. It was declared that all business transacted during this session to be valid and entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

**APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN:** The Chair appointed Robert W. Trepp to act as Parliamentarian for this Special Session of March 15, 1984.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Old Business: None

2. New Business: 3A-A BILL AN AMENDMENT TO NCA 84-04, RESERVING TAXATION OF PUBLIC GAMING TRANSACTIONS. The BILL was read and considered as follows:

**SECTION 101.** Tribal Ordinance NCA 84-04 is hereby amended at Section 804 as follows: A. Delete the present language, and B. Substitute in its place the following: "Public Gaming Transaction Tax" (Reserved). The Ordinance having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Chupco to amend BILL 3A by amending Section 101 by deleting the phrase "at section 804 as follows: Item A; and Item B, and inserting in its place "Tribal Ordinance NCA 84-04 is hereby amended at Title VIII Public Gaming Transaction Tax". (A) Delete entire section of "Title VIII Public Gaming Transaction Tax; (B) Substitute in its place the following: "Public Gaming Transaction Tax-(Reserved). Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. The Chair entertained a motion for the approval of BILL 3A. A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Johnson to approve (3A) as read after the amendments. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED.** BILL (3A) An Amendment to NCA 84-04 Entitled "Regulating Public Gaming Within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

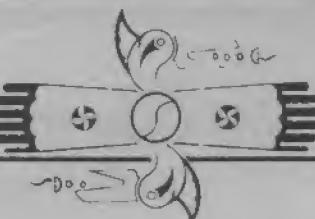
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### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

(3-C) A BILL making specific assurances for the purposes of 1984 application for the Community Development Block Grant. The Chair entertained a motion to place the item

on the agenda. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Chupco to place this item on the agenda for consideration. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval "Bill 3-C" was placed on the agenda for consideration. BILL 3-C was read and considered as follows: **TITLE: An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation making specific assurances for the purposes of the 1984 Application for the Community Development Block Grant, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.** **Section 101.** **Findings.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has been invited by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to submit an application for a grant to fund certain Community Development Block Grant Program activities. **Section 102.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation hereby assures the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that: A. Prior to the submission of the application, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation had prepared and followed a written citizen participation plan which provides Muscogee (Creek) citizens, especially those living in the areas where activities are proposed or ongoing, with adequate information concerning the amount of funds available for proposed community development and housing activities, the range of activities that may be assisted, and the highly rated activities under the approved rating systems; and has advised them of other important program requirements; and has solicited their view and participation. B. Prior to the submission of the application, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has followed traditional tribal means of citizen involvement that meets the standards required in Subpart "B" as well as this Ordinance, which provided adequate opportunity to articulate needs, activities, assist in the selection of priorities, and otherwise participate in the development application. C. The Muscogee Nation certifies that the citizen participation requirements of 24 CFR 571.604 have been met. **Section 103.** No part of this Ordinance shall be construed to restrict the responsibility and authority of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Government for the development of the application and the execution of the Community Development Block Grant Program. Accordingly, the citizen participation requirements of this Ordinance do not include concurrence by any person or group involved in citizen participation in making final determination concerning the funding and contents of the application. The sole responsibility and authority to make such final determination rest exclusively with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Government. **Section 104.** Based upon the foregoing participation process, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall include the following proposed programs in the 1984 Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds: A. Hughes/Seminole/McIntosh District - Housing Rehabilitation. **Section 105.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation assumes all responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1968 for environmental review, decision making and any action that would apply to the Secretary, were the Secretary to undertake these tribal projects as federal projects. The sovereign immunity of the Nation is waived only for the purpose of this Section, and only for declaratory, injunctive or equitable relief from the Courts of the Muscogee Nation; provided that claims against the Treasury of the Muscogee Nation are not permitted by this section. The BILL having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A Motion was made by Burden and seconded by Chupco to approve (3-C) as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. BILL (3-C) will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. **3-D A BILL providing authorization and consent to the Chickasaw Nation of Indians in Oklahoma and the Nation's Proposal to contract U.S. Indian Health Services for services currently being provided by the Southeastern Oklahoma Indian Recovery Program.** The Chair entertained a motion to place this item on the Agenda for consideration. A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Dunn to place this item on the Agenda for consideration. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken: Fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. By unanimous vote of approval BILL 3-D was placed on the agenda for consideration. BILL 3-D was read and considered as follows: A Bill providing authorization and consent to the Chickasaw Nation of Indians in Oklahoma and the Nation's Proposal to contract U.S. Indian Health Services for Services Currently Being Provided by the Southeastern Oklahoma Indian Recovery Program. **Section 101.** **Findings.** The National Council finds that: A. The Chickasaw Nation of Indians of Oklahoma has requested a supporting and consenting Ordinance from the Muscogee Nation regarding services currently being provided by the Southeastern Oklahoma Indian Recovery Program. B. The Muscogee Nation supports the self-determination efforts of tribes to contract programs within their boundaries that serve their tribal area. **Section 102.** The Muscogee Nation hereby takes the official position that a "support and consent" Ordinance is not required by the circumstances of this contract for services within the Chickasaw Nation, yet will adopt an Ordinance to include one county (Hughes) within the Muscogee Nation. **Section 103.** The Muscogee Nation supports and consents to the Chickasaw Nation of Indians in Oklahoma to contract for services currently provided by the Southeastern Oklahoma Indian Recovery Program according to the following terms and conditions of this Ordinance. A. The Chickasaw Nation of Indians shall operate the program. B. The programs operated shall be the services currently being provided by the Southeastern Oklahoma Indian Recovery Program. C. The U.S. Indian Health Services shall send information regarding this contract to the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation quarterly basis. D. The proposed term of the contract is not to exceed one year; Provided that extensions of any contract or any recontracting, are hereby approved by the Muscogee Nation for so long as the Chickasaw Nation shall continue to operate the program. E. The proposed date for contract commencement is any date following the approval of this Ordinance. F. The following authorities are hereby delegated to the Chickasaw Nation of Indians. 1. The Chickasaw Nation may have access to any records required for operation of the contract which otherwise would have to be requested through the Muscogee Nation. 2. The Chickasaw Nation may, without further consent by the Muscogee Nation, recontract the programs, request to revise or amend the contract, request contract retrocession, appeal or request waivers of contracting regulations, so long as such procedures related solely to the operation of the services currently being provided by the Southeastern Oklahoma Indian Recovery Program. G. The authorities of this Ordinance shall expire upon repeal or revocation by the Muscogee Nation Tribal government. The BILL having been read the Chair entertained discussion. A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Chupco to amend (3-D) as follows: Section 103. "Letter D-delete the sentence "Provided, that extensions of any contract or any recontracting, are hereby approved by the Muscogee Nation for so long as the Chickasaw Nation shall continue to operate the programs. "Letter-E" delete the phrase "any date following the approval of this Ordinance", and adding in its place "prior to October 1, 1984". Delete 2 in Section 103. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. Bill (3-D) was approved and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** none. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, ETC.** none. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chupco made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cloud and by unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned. **BENEDICTION:** Jonas Dunson.



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# MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS

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## CN Rodeo/Festival, June 15-16

By Helen Chalakee

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Creek Nation Rodeo Arena is scheduled preceding the first performance of the 10th Annual Creek Nation Indian Rodeo, June 15. The arena is located across Hwy. 75 from the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee.

Principal Chief Claude Cox will dedicate the arena to the Indian youth of Creek Nation. Assisting him will be Second Chief, George Miller; Speaker of the House of the Muscogee Creek Nation Council, Carney Roberts; Miss Indian Oklahoma, Leslie Ann Baricello; and Miss Indian Rodeo America. Several local and state dignitaries and other tribal chiefs have been invited to participate.

Books will open, June 14, 8 a.m. til 8 p.m. Contestant entry can be made by calling 918/266-2468. The stock contractor is Rice Rodeo Company of Beggs, Oklahoma, proving for an exciting evening in the bucking events. Indian renown Jake White Crow and John Gobert will be the announcers.

For the cowboys, 50 years and older, an Old Timer's Jackpot Calf Roping with \$100 added is scheduled. For the younger crowd, 12 years and under, a Pepsi Challenge featuring Jackpot Steer Riding and Jackpot Barrel Racing will be held with Pepsi prizes for participants.

Tickets will be on sale for rafting a registered paint colt and can be purchased from Club members or at the Club Brush Arbor set up on the arena grounds. A 50-50 Pot will be drawn each night. John Burris' Speciality Clown Act and the Belle Starr Square Dance Group will highlight each evening performance. The Oklahoma Prison Band will also play for both nights of the rodeo.

Negiel Bigpond of the Flaming Sword Music Ministries will sing the Lord's Prayer and Alfreda Doonkeen will perform the prayer in sign language. After the Friday night performance, Tul-a-hasse Stomp Ground will conduct dancing. Lewis Proctor is Chief and Sam Proctor is Speaker.

A "Cowboy's For Christ" breakfast will be held Saturday morning, June 16, at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center, across from the Complex in the Elderly Housing Project. Ted Presley will be guest speaker. Serving will begin at 9:30, cost is \$4 per person and the breakfast is open to the public.

Advance tickets are now on sale and can be purchased at the Gift Shop at Creek Nation. Performances start nightly at 8 p.m. Ribbon Cutting at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$3-Adults, \$1



CN EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN EXTRA BUSY THE PAST FEW MONTHS CONSTRUCTING THE NEW ARENA FOR THE 10th ANNUAL CN INDIAN RODEO.

Children. Everybody is welcome to attend!

### FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

#### Softball Tournament

The Men's All-Indian Fastpitch Softball Tournament will be held June 15, 16, 17, at Nichols Park, Henryetta. There will be a 32 team limit and the entry fee is \$85.

Trophies will be given out for First, Second, Third and Fourth Place teams. Individual jackets will be given in First Place and Individual trophies will be given to Second and Third Place. There will be eight All-Star Jackets and 2 MVP jackets, as well as a Sportsmanship Trophy, according to Steve Wilson, Coordinator of the Tournament.

The Women's Open Slow-pitch Softball Tournament will be held June 16-17 at Nichols Park also. The deadline for this is June 8th.

There is a 24 team limit and First, Second, Third and Fourth Place Team Trophies will be given.

Individual trophies will be given in Second and Third Place and there will be eight All-Star Jackets and 2 MVP

jackets given out, as well as a Sportsmanship Trophy.

"This is the biggest crowd-drawing event of the Festival and not only does the crowds gather to watch the action - but the Softball Tournament draws teams from Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas," said Wilson. "We will have the Seminoles from Florida (men's and women's) teams coming back, and the defending champions from last year - the Talihina Choctaws, will be back trying to defend their title."

Wilson continued "As was the case last year, we have teams still waiting to get into the Tournament and we're filled. This prestigious Tournament is something that Creek Nation can be very proud of," he said.

#### Creek Nation Olympics

The Creek Nation Olympics will be held June 15, at Harmon Stadium in Okmulgee at 9:30 a.m., announced Janet Lee, Coordinator of the Eighth Annual Olympics. Assisting her with the hectic schedule of events, as Assistant Coordinator, will be Marty Conrad, Youth Coordinator of the JTPA

summer program.

"These Olympic events give our Indian youth an opportunity to come together for friendly competition," said Mrs. Lee, who estimates that there will be approximately 350 Indian youth ages 8-18, involved in the Olympics. "We have invited 36 teams to participate this summer," she added.

A major change in this year's Olympics will be that there will be no separation between Creek Nation Community and the National Olympic events - "We have combined the Olympics this year for the Creek Nation Community teams and the in-state and out-of-state tribal teams," said Mrs. Lee, explaining that every year "the greatest competition is between the communities and the Creek Nation kids."

Team trophies will be given out, as well as a Sportsmanship Trophy and individual medals. For more information about the Olympics, contact Janet Lee or Marty Conrad at 756-8700, Ext. 337.

(See FESTIVAL CONTINUED, Page 2)



## Sapulpa Clinic Change

The following schedule will be in effect beginning June 1, 1984: Monday—General Clinic-8:00-12, 1:00-5:00; Tuesday—General Clinic-8:00-12, 1:00-5:00; First and Third Wednesday—Diabetic Clinic-8:00-12; Second and Fourth Wednesday—Appointments only-8:00-12; Thursday—O.B. and Well-Child Clinic-8:00-12, 1:00-5:00; First and Third Friday—General Clinic-8:00-12; Second and Fourth Friday—Diabetic Clinic-8:00-12; Friday—Clinic-8:00-12; Friday—Administrative Business-12-5:00.



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The purpose of this newsletter is to act as the official publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and to meet any need of the Creek Nation that is possible through news coverage.

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Deadline for submission is the Friday, prior to the first full week of the meeting of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. Any submission must be brought by the MNN office during working hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

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## The World and Way of the Creek People

### Dear MNN Editor:

I am writing to confirm arrangements for a re-print of the book, "The World and Way of the Creek People." I contacted the Franklin Graphics firm which did the original printing. They gave me a quote of \$4.50 to print a minimum of 200 copies. Deposits are being taken now for those that want a copy for that amount plus \$1.00 to cover the mailing costs.

I am pleased that people are interested in obtaining a copy and hope to have a minimum order by the end of May.

Respectfully Yours,  
David Mike Lambeth

## Thanks MNN!

### Dear MNN News:

On behalf of the Morning Star Music Ministries and the Flaming Sword Band, I would like to thank you for printing the article on the Morning Star Music Ministries in the May issue of the Muscogee Nation News.

We were very pleased and appreciate the time and talent Ms. Bell put into the article.

We pray God's Word for you from II Cor.9:8 "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that you always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." And as Paul further wrote in Gal. 6:9-10, "Let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men: especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

May God continue to bless each of you.

In His Service,  
Negle L. Bligpond  
President, Morning Star Ministries

## COWBOY'S FOR CHRIST BREAKFAST SPONSORED BY CN RODEO CLUB

The Creek Nation Rodeo Association will sponsor a Breakfast and Church service, June 16, at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center. Guest speaker will be Ted Presley, President of the Cowboy's for Christ organization. Breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. and services begin at 11:00 a.m.

## WILL W.C. HOUTS PLEASE STAND UP!

The Creek Nation Rodeo Association recently raffled a children's bucking bull. The lucky ticket number is E503171 and belongs to W.C. Houts. The ticket was drawn at the Okemah Rodeo in April. If Mr. Houts will contact Helen Chalakee at the Creek Communication Center, arrangements will be made for pick-up. Mr. Houts, the CN Rodeo Club has been feeding and caring for your bull, please pick him up!

## GO! INDIAN RODEO!

JUNE 15-16  
CN RODEO ARENA  
OKMULGEE OK



## FESTIVAL continued...

Events include: 8-9 age bracket-50 meter dash, 100 meter dash, softball throw, 400 meter relay, 400 meter mixed relay, long jump; 10-11 age bracket - 50 and 100 meter dash, softball throw, 400 meter relay and mixed relay, long jump; 12-13 age bracket - 100, 200, 400 meter dash, 800 meter run, softball throw, 400 meter relay and mixed relay, long jump; 14-15 age bracket-100, 200, 400 meter dash, 800 meter run, shot put, 400 meter relay, 800 run relay, long jump; 16-18 age bracket-100, 200, 400 meter dash, shot put, 400 meter relay, long jump, 800 meter run and relay, 1 mile run.

### Golf Tournament

The 8th Annual Creek Nation Festival Golf Tournament will be held at the Meadowbrook Golf Course in Muskogee on June 16 and 17.

Registration will be at 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Fee is \$35 including green fee (no entries accepted after 1:00). There is 18 hole Qualifying Round, Tee Prize and Luncheon Buffet.

On Sunday, there will be a 4-man scramble, two flights women stroke play, longest drive and closest to hole.

There will be awards for the Men's Scramble (1st and 5th Place Teams); a Plaque and Gift for each player; and for women - 2 flights with 3 places each flight.

For more information, write or call; Rick Kelly, 918-756-8700 ext. 253. Kelly is the Chairman of the newly-formed Oklahoma Indian Golf Association.

### Tennis Tournament

The Creek Nation Tennis Tournament will be held June 16th and 17th at the Okmulgee City Park. Entry fee deadline is June 11. Entry fees are as follows: Singles: \$6 and Doubles: \$12/\$6 each partner.

Events are as follows: 18 and under - Boy's singles, boy's doubles, girl's singles and doubles; Open Event - Men's Singles and Men's Doubles, Women's Singles and Women's Doubles; 35 and Over - Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Women's Singles, Women's Doubles, and Mixed Doubles.

Mail entries to: Creek Nation Festival Committee (Tennis) C/O CN, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. Make checks payable to Creek Nation Festival Tennis Tournament. FREE BARBECUE!

Lucien Berryhill and Max Factor are the coordinators of the Tournament.

### Volleyball Tournament

Coed Volleyball will be played June 16th, in conjunction with the Festival, at Nichols Park in Henryetta, starting at 8:00 a.m. There will be 12 teams, which will be allowed in first-come, first-serve basis.

The entry fee is \$40. Etta Conner is the coordinator of the Volleyball event.

Other events scheduled for the Festival include a Horseshoe Tournament to be held at Nichols Park on June 16th and Children's Games to be held at the Park on that date also.

## Job Opportunities

The following positions are open with the Creek Nation National Council headquartered in the Mound Building at the Tribal Complex, Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447;

**Position:** Legislative Administrator with the National Council

**Salary Range:** \$18,000-\$23,000

**Job Description:** The Legislative Administrator is responsible for all administrative functions in the office of the National Council. He/she must have a good rapport with the general public and Tribal Administration.

**Specific Duties:** Draft legislation, research, and prepare written reports and analysis, coordinate legislative drafting, serve as legislative counsel to committees pending independent legislative counsel, and perform other duties as assigned.

**Job Specification:** Minimum of B.S. in Political Science, business administration, management or equivalent, with some experience in Tribal legislative issues. Specialized experience should include some experience or education in the area of American Indian or Tribal Law. A working knowledge of the Muscogee (Creek) language would be helpful, but not required. **Education and experience and adhere to Indian preference ordinance.**



**Position:** Clerk Typist with the National Council

**Salary Range:** \$12,218

**Job Description:** General description includes performing general office clerical work including typing and being able to meet the public well. Specific duties include: must be able to type from rough drafts, transcribe from dictating equipment, be able to operate various office equipment, take committee meeting minutes, must be able to attend business meetings which occur after normal business hours and on weekends.

**Job Specifications:** Education includes high school, GED, or equivalent.

**General experience:** One year experience in general office environment.

**Specialized Experience:** Type 60 WPM. Indian Preference.



**Position:** Secretary I with the National Council

**Salary Range:** \$15,000-\$21,000

**Job Description:** Perform all secretarial activities necessary to assure the smooth functioning of the Tribal Council and be able to meet the public well. Responsible for maintaining accurate program files, type 60 WPM, shorthand 70 WPM, office machines, prepare letters and type reports.

**Job Specifications:** High school diploma, GED, college hours in accounting or one year in business school and have worked in an office. Must have working knowledge of accounting and office procedures. Must have evaluation of former jobs and references.

Muscogee (Creek)  
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PRINCIPAL CHIEF CLAUDE COX AND SECOND CHIEF GEORGE MILLER OBSERVE PREPARATION OF burial site for the remains of an unknown Creek woman that were released to Creek Nation by the Oklahoma Archeological Survey. The remains were found in Wagoner County and are believed to be that of a Creek female who died in the 1800's. The Rev. George Miller conducted a ritual commitment prayer during the brief ceremony.

## Reburial Held For Unknown Creek Woman At Newtown Indian Methodist Church

The remains of an unknown Creek woman believed to have died in the 1800's, were reburied in the Newtown Methodist Church Cemetery recently with the Rev. George Miller conducting the ritual commitment and prayer.

The remains, according to Oklahoma Archeological Survey at the Oklahoma Archeological Survey (University of Oklahoma) State Archeologist Robert Brooks and Archeologist Charles Neel, were determined to be female by the bone measurements taken at the coroners office. The archeologists also determined that the woman was Creek due to the pottery sherds found at the site where the remains were unearthed by a construction company. "The sherds were found on top of the ground at the site located north of Muskogee. We believe that a homestead and family cemetery had once existed on the site," said Archeologist Brooks. "We established the original burial to be between 1830-1860, based on the fact the the pottery sherds were McIntosh Cordmarked pottery," he continued.

Also unearthed by the construction equipment, was a pair of scissors and fragments of the coffin. Upon discovery of the items, the remains were taken by the Wagoner County Sheriff's department and then to the coroner, who determined that it was

an old burial. A Creek Nation representative saw the information on the discovery in a newspaper and concerned that the remains could be Creek, contacted the Oklahoma Archeological Society, who investigated and found that the remains were indeed, Creek.

The final disposition of the remains in the Newtown Cemetery, took place after permission to reinter them was granted by the Board of the Newtown Methodist Church. The remains were then brought to Creek Nation by Archeologists Brooks and Neel, who conferred with Principal Chief Claude Cox on the matter.

Present at the ceremony was Chief Cox, Rev. Miller, the archeologists, and Buddy York and Bob Parks of Creek Nation, who prepared the burial site.

Brooks commented on the cooperation and coordination of Creek Nation with the Archeological Survey - "This is the first time that the Survey has worked with a tribe in the reburial of remains identified as that of an Indian tribe."

Chief Cox expressed his appreciation for the Survey in contacting Creek Nation - "I think it is good that the Oklahoma Archeological Survey has contacted us so that we could rebury the remains. I wish to thank the Board of the Newtown Methodist Church, also, in allowing the reburial in their cemetery."

## Robin Roberts State Champ

Robin Roberts, 17 year old 1/2 Creek-1/2 Choctaw, has been a member of the Admore High School 4-A Track Team for three years. At the 1984 Regionals, Robin ran the 100 meter placing 4th, the 400 meter relay placing 4th, the 1600 meter relay placing 2nd, and the 300 meter hurdles placing 1st.

These wins put him in the State 4-A Preliminaries held at Norman. From there, Robin qualified for the State which was held next day and is now the current 4-A State Hurdle Champion with a time of 38.3. As a sophomore, last year, Robin placed 3rd in State in the hurdles with a time of 38.5.

There were times when Robin wanted to give up, but was encouraged by his Grandmother Barnett to stick with it and be the best he could be. He accomplished his goals.

Robin not only represented his school, he represented his Indian heritage and he hopes to do even better next year, as a senior. He is an example of what our Indian youth are able to do with a little encouragement-to stay with it, like his grandparents did.

Robin, along with his sister Rhonda who is in the eighth grade plan to attend the 1984 Creek Nation Olympics. They will be representing the Creeks.

Robin is the son of Jim and Regina Roberts, Ardmore, and the grandson of Daniel and Jennie Barnett, Eufaula.

Robin Roberts



Kerry Girty  
**Kerry Girty, Creek, Fast-Pitch Champ**

Kerry Girty, 17-year old Creek girl from Lawrence, Kansas, is being noted for her achievements in Fast-Pitch Softball, according to an article on her in the Sports section of a recent edition of the Lawrence Journal-World.

Kerry is a Junior at Lawrence High School and is a member of the Lawrence High Girl's Class 6A Volleyball State Championship and a member of the LHS Girl's Basketball team which took the Class 6A State Title. She has played Volleyball since the 7th grade.

Kerry is the daughter of Frances Scott Girty of Okemah and the granddaughter of Susie Scott of Okemah and the late Ellis Scott. She has a twin sister, Sherry and two brothers, Steve and Gary.

## BACONE COLLEGE AWARDS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS

Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma, will be awarding 25 Bacone Leadership Scholarships to American Indian students displaying academic achievement and strong leadership potential for the 1984-85 school year.

The special scholarship will cover all tuition costs. Books, fees, room and board and incidental expenses will not be covered.

Application for the scholarship will include applying for admission to Bacone; applying for the special scholarship; applying for financial aid; and applying for a Bureau of Indian Affairs or tribal grant, to be submitted according to BIA procedures.

The student should also send two letters of recommendation from teachers or school administrators, and write an essay or resume to provide a self-assessment of his or her probable success in college and as a future leader.

It is important for applicants to demonstrate strong potential for leadership, and special review will be given to ACT or SAT scores, high school academic performance, and special recognition and awards earned while in high school.

For more information on applying for the scholarship, contact the Office of Financial Aid, or the Office of Recruitment, Bacone College, Muskogee, Oklahoma 74403.

**ATTEND!  
Ribbon-Cutting  
Ceremonies  
New Rodeo Arena  
June 15 7:45 P.M.**



## CREEK ACTOR "SONNY" SAMPSON INTERVIEWED AT MOUND

The Creek Mound was the scene of a recent interview with Will "Sonny" Sampson that was conducted by the Cable News Network (CNN) concerning the Jim Thorpe Memorial Run. The run is in conjunction with the Summer Olympics to be held in Los Angeles. John Danner interviewed Sampson on his support of the run, whose objective is, according to Sampson, "to show the unity and sovereignty of the Indian tribes in North America." Part of the run will take place in Oklahoma which holds a special significance to the event, in that Thorpe, Olympic legend, was born here.



MAJOR LEWIS E. ALEXANDER

## Creek Retiree Active In Indian Culture

Retired Major Lewis E. Alexander, Creek, formerly from this area, is currently living in Portland, Oregon, and is affiliated with the Urban Indian Council, Inc. of Portland.

Alexander was one of the five founders of the organization, a non-profit Indian services organization.

An Army officer with 17 years active service (Alexander served in the Korean Conflict), he was promoted to Major and assigned to Field Command Comptroller's section at Sandia Base.

During Alexander's distinguished military career, he has been honored with the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Medal of Valor, Combat Infantryman Badge, Distinguished Unit Citation (Second Award) and the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant.

Alexander is also a retired stockbroker and former head of Portland's manpower program. He is a recognized expert on Indian culture and has served as the coordinator of the "Native Americans Earth Pavilion" at Spokane in 1974.



## Summer Classes

Pre-enrollment for summer classes at Bacone College in Muskogee is currently underway, according to C. Roger Williams, director of Admissions and Registrar.

Summer classes will begin June 5 and will conclude July 31.

Formal enrollment will be held on June 4, and late enrollment will continue through June 11. ACT testing will be conducted for all new students on June 4.

Coursework is available in the areas of health and physical education, language arts, religion and humanities, mathematics and science, computer science, radiologic technology, business and secretarial science.

Anatomy and Physiology, a four-hour credit science course, will be offered in the summer session for the first time. Other science courses offered include general chemistry, general physical science, and general biological science.

Also beginning this summer will be the Career Advancement for Practical Nurses Program, which will supply the needed college courses for practical nurses to advance to registered nurse, according to Billie R. Hightower, chairperson of the Nursing Division. "Nursing Process I" is scheduled for July 2 through July 31.

Financial aid for students attending summer classes is also available, according to John Dodson, director of Financial Aid.

For more information on enrollment and courses offered during the summer, contact the Office of Admissions and Registrar, Bacone College, Muskogee, OK 74403, or call 918-683-4581.

## Suzan Harjo Appointed New NCAI Director

Suzan Shown Harjo, Cheyenne and Creek, has been selected as the Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), by majority vote by the NCAI Executive Committee at their April 11 meeting in Denver. Mrs. Harjo assumed the new post May 1.

Prior to her appointment to the Director's position with NCAI, which is the oldest and largest National Indian organization, Mrs. Harjo served as Legislative Liaison with Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver and Kampelman, which represents as D.C. counsel - the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe, The Miccosukee tribe, the Nez Perce tribe,

the Pueblo of Laguna and the Seneca Nation, as well as other tribes.

Mrs. Harjo has also had her poetry published in journals, anthologies, and textbooks, in addition to being listed in the Directory of American Poets for 1970. She was selected as one of 20, American poets for Women/Voices for 1975.

Harjo, 38, was born in El Reno, Oklahoma and has two children: Adriane Shown Harjo, 18 and Duke Ray Harjo, 11. Her parents are: Mr. Freeland Douglas, Creek, U.S. Army Retired, and Mrs. Susie Eades Douglas, Cheyenne and Pawnee, homemaker of San Antonio, Texas.



Cindy Coachman and Paula Herrod, Registered Emergency Medical Technicians

## Emergency Medical Technicians Complete CN Training Program

Cindy Coachman and Paula Herrod recently completed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training and are now nationally registered to operate the Creek Transport Service.

This Transport Service is stationed at the Creek Nation Community Hospital from 8-5 p.m. The Transport Service transports in-house patients to and from specialized medical facilities for surgeries and diagnostic studies.

The Transportation Service was implemented November, 1983.

Cindy has three years experience in the field. She is the daughter of Mrs. Nettie Coachman of Okemah.

Paula is from Okemah and has two and a half years experience in the field. She is the daughter of Tom and Leila Bames of Wetumka. Both of the EMT's say that they like their jobs - "We enjoy working with Indian people and in helping them. This is a wonderful program for our Creek people."

The next nine weeks EMT Training will be held in June. Twenty EMT trainees have already gone through the three previous training sessions.

For further information on the EMT Training Program, contact Evelyn Parker, Supervisor, at 756-8700 ex. 314.



## Dewar J.O.M. Student News

The following information on the Dewar JOM students was sent in by Sylvia Johnny, JOM aide at Dewar.

Stanley Joe McIntosh, graduating senior at Dewar, plans to attend the Tulsa Welding School.

Gary Quinton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Quinton plans to attend Warner College this fall.

Sonya Jane McIntosh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McIntosh, was honored to serve as Salutatorian for the Eighth grade class.

Julian Watson, son of Ms. Linda Lowe of Dewar, served as Usher for the Eighth grade graduation. He is the grandson of Mrs. Nannie Lowe of Dewar.

Rose Michelle Lindsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Lindsey of Dewar, served as Usher at the Eighth grade graduation held May 14. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Louise Whitlow of Dustin.

Melaney Asbury, daughter of Ms. Carla Boggs, is 15/32 Creek and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Asbury of Henryetta and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Boggs of Dewar.

Mandy Bible, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bible Jr., of Dewar, is 3/8 Creek and the granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Bible of Dewar and Mr. Don Summers of Kennedy, TX and Mrs. Phyllis Qualls of Okmulgee.

Ruth Ann Buckley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Buckley of Dewar, is 7/8 Creek and the granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Bible and Mrs. Lizzie Buckley of Weleetka.

Dana Davis is the daughter of Danny Davis. She is one-quarter Creek and is

the granddaughter of Mrs. Leah Davis of Dewar.

David Daniel Dunzy, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Dunzy of Dewar, is one-quarter Creek and the grandson of Mr. Diamond Dunzy of Dewar and Mr. and Mrs. Loman Wade of Dewar.

Jonathan Tottress, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homerelle Marvin Tottress of Hoffman, is one-quarter Creek and the grandson of Mrs. Ivaline Melton of Hoffman.

The previous six students graduated from Kindergarten May 7. Congratulations to all of these students.

## Creek Student Wins Art Scholarship

Terrill Tanequodle, Creek, and Senior at Anadarko High School, has been named the recipient of the Annual Susie Peters Art Award, which is given to a graduating senior who plans to continue his art education.

Tanequodle won four First-place ribbons in this year's Junior Art Festival, which is sponsored by the Anadarko Philomatic Club, who awards the scholarship.

Terrill plans to attend the Oklahoma State Technical School at Okmulgee. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tanequodle. His mother is the former Rosella Randall of the Wilson Community, and his grandparents are the late Timmy and Rosie Randall. He is the great-grandson of the late Ella Randall.



DAVID ALBERTY CELEBRATES 100th BIRTHDAY!

STAFF OF THE CREEK NATION OKMULGEE CLINIC HONORED DAVID ALBERTY WITH A SURPRISE birthday cake on April 19. Mr. Alerty turned 100 years old that day. He is shown with his niece, Alberta Thames (background) and Clinic LPN's Sara Whinery, left, and Karen McKee, right. Mr. Alerty's reaction to fulfilling a century of living - "I feel just like I did when I was a kid - and I'm looking forward to the next 100!" He just recently underwent a pacemaker implant at the Creek Nation Community Hospital.



JOE WASHINGTON, CN EMPLOYEE, WAS AMONG THE RECIPIENTS OF THE AWARDS FOR community involvement that were presented during Annual Heritage Day Banquet. Also on display, were Joe's award-winning beadwork and Indian crafts for which he won two First Places and an Honorable Mention at the Five Civilized Tribes Museum Crafts Show.

## Indian Heritage Days at OMS

"Native Americans - Let's Soar Like An Eagle," was the theme of the Okmulgee Middle School's Annual Indian Heritage Day recently.

The highlights of the day's activities was the Banquet-Program with Pete Beaver, full-blood Creek, and Program Facilitator for the State Department of Education, Indian Education Department, delivering the Address at the Banquet.

Beaver addressed the parents and school administrators on the important role that parents have in the educational process of their children.

Presentors at the Banquet-Program included: Richard Anderson, Master of Ceremonies, Billy R. Davis, Superintendent of Schools, gave the Welcome to the Banquet, and remarks were made to the parents by Dr. Dean Hughes, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Title IV Coordinator.

Indian student's talents were showcased during the Banquet-Program: the Lord's Prayer was given by Paula McNac, Okmulgee High students, accompanied by Debbie Gee; the Lord's Prayer in Sign Language was performed by Zoe Lynn Tiger and Katrina Berryhill; a poem "The Broken Thunderbird", was given by Lance Sands; a clarinet solo was performed by Sammie Woodfield.

Okmulgee High Senior who recently qualified for the State Band Contest; and a group of students sang hymns with piano accompaniment by Janette

Kotey, with Lois Roughface and Christy Chuckluck performing in sign language.

Presentation of student awards was announced by Linda Cusher, parent committee member and presented by Mr. Davis. The winners in this category included: Okmulgee Grade School-Matthew Wilson (Overall Winner); Christy Chuckluck (First Place); Anthony Taylor (Second Place) and Teddy Roughface, Third Place.

Okmulgee Middle School winners included: Jona Townsend-All Around Student, Yvonne Bevenue-Second Place and Jean Comer-Third Place.

Okmulgee High School winners were: Paula McNac -All Around Winner, Billy Rider-Second Place and Joe Domebo-Third Place.

Special awards were presented by Sue Tiger and Roberta Gibson. These awards consisted of beaded caps given to Mr. Davis, Dr. Hughes, Mr. Davenport, and Dr. Shimpoch. Dr. Zenobia Jones, a curriculum coordinator, was presented with a beaded hair ornament. Okmulgee Principal James Sutton was presented with an Indian crafted award, as was Mrs. Kotey.

Community awards, presented by Ester Gee, were given to Richard and Mona Anderson, Hepsey Gilroy, Joe Washington and Bridge Chuckluck.

Jimmy Jones and Chiquita Juneau were recognized for their efforts in catering and organizing the Banquet.



Linda Chuckluck and James Sutton, Principal Okmulgee Eastside School.

## Creek Designs Five Tribes Seals Now On Display At Eastside Elementary

Linda Chuckluck, Indian Program aide at Eastside Elementary school has designed and skillfully rendered reproductions of the seals of the Five Civilized Tribes and the State of Oklahoma. These seals have been placed on permanent display in the atrium of Eastside School, upon request by James O. Sutton, Principal of the school.

"Mrs. Chuckluck did an excellent job of the seals, and I think that these seals will make our Indian students aware that they are an integral part of the Indian Studies program," said Mr. Sutton.

"I did the seals at the beginning of the school year to help reinforce our cultural values among the Indian students that we work with," said Mrs. Chuckluck, who is an aide to Sue Tiger, teacher with the Title IV-JOM Indian Program.

Mr. Sutton, who is regarded highly among the Eastside's Indian teachers for his enthusiastic support of the Indian program, remarked on why he wanted to seals to be put on permanent display at the school - "Indians are an integral part of Oklahoma history - that is why I wanted those seals done. After all, Okmulgee is the capitol of the Creeks," he said, adding "I feel

strongly that Indian heritage should be perpetuated."

Praising the Indian program and Indian teachers at Eastside, Mr. Sutton said, "I feel that the teachers do good work and our Indian program has helped our Indian students by reinforcing positive Indian values," said Sutton, who added that he was appreciative for the support of the Indian community and their cooperation with the Indian program.

Mr. Sutton's interest and involvement with the Indian program and students has had a positive impact on the continuity of that program, as commented by Pat Wilson, Fifth Grade teacher - "Mr. Sutton is highly supportive of our Indian program. He has created a lot of goodwill with the Indian community and we feel that he has a sincere feeling for Indians in his heart."

Sutton regularly attends many functions of the Indian community. He is an ordained, full gospel minister and is originally from the Oklahoma Panhandle.

Mr. Sutton feels that this support is necessary for the Indian program - "As an administrator, my support for the Indian program is vital in that it will help that program and all of the programs to flow together."

## INDIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

### WELEETKA

By Ethel Torres

At the May 19th meeting at Holiday Inn in Shawnee of the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women, the Oklahoma Indian Mother of the Year, Osage Indian, Myrtle Jones - who even though her leg was amputated, continued her interest in serving youth and civic organizations. Georgeann Robison- Bartlesville and Grace Daily-Seminole were this committee.

Oklahoma's Indian Women of the Year selection was Dr. Margaret Nelson, Stillwater, who teaches writing

and literature at OSU for 16 years, has held many workshops and belonged to 15 professional organizations and others too numerous to mention. The committee was Wahilla Doonkeen and Imogene Dawson. Both Margaret and Myrtle received beautiful silver serving trays engraved with title and date.

Installation of new officers by President Eula Doonkeen, were President - Mary McCormick, Seminole; First Vice-President Georgeann Robison; Second Vice-President - Eunice Wildcat, Tulsa; Secretary - Dr. Margaret Nelson and

Treasurer - Helen Chupco, Muskogee. Eula Doonkeen, outgoing President was given a standing ovation and a writing pen for an outstanding job, and for many accomplishments during the year. Many heartfelt thanks to her daughters, Wahilla and Alfreda who supported her in every project she undertook.

On June 25th the new president of the Oklahoma Federation, Mary McCormick will welcome the National Tribal Chairman's meeting at the Hilton Inn West in Oklahoma City. This meeting will be held June 24-29.

Leslie Ann Baricello, the new reigning Miss Indian Oklahoma, will be appearing on Sammy White's TV show on Channel Four, Oklahoma City, on June 23rd. Federation membership dues are due each May, but are now \$5 a year and payable for 2 years.

The next Federation meeting will be Saturday, September 22, at the Shawnee Holiday Inn. Registration is at 9 a.m.

### CHECOTAH

By Charlene Newton

The Checotah Indian Community Center is now under way!

We are very pleased with the attendance that we are having and are happy to say that we have a few more new members.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all Indians in our area, to join our organization. Our next meeting is June 5 at 7 p.m. and our location is 320 W. Lafayette.

At the next meeting we will be discussing plans for our food sale, which will be held on "Ole Settler's Day" June 9th. Our sale will begin at 9 a.m. til 3 p.m. Everyone is invited to come by and have an Indian taco with us.

Our officers for the year are: Chairman-Darell Wesley, Vice-Chairman-Frank Belcher, Treasurer-Leona Fox, Secretary-Charlene Newton, Assistance Secretary-Sue Harper, and Reporter, Ronald Moses.



Machelle Knight

### Machelle Knight, Creek, Selected Modern Miss

Machelle Knight, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knight of Tulsa, OK, has been selected for competition in the 1984 Modern Miss State Finals to be held at the Sheraton Inn, Tulsa Airport in Tulsa, June 23, 8:00 p.m.

Modern Miss has selected outstanding young women from all over the state to participate in the activities. The program is designed to recognize young women, 13-18, who excel in scholastic achievement and community involvement. Contestants are judged on poise, personality, grooming, and a speech or talent presentation, as well as scholastic and civic achievements. Entrants must have an "80" or better grade average and document a least ten (10) hours volunteer service to a community or charitable organization.

The statewide Modern Miss competition is coordinated at the Modern Miss National Office, Box 160, Celina, Tenn.

The competition is the office state preliminary for the Modern Miss National Finals to be held in January, 1985. Modern Miss Finalists from all fifty states will compete for \$15,000 in scholarship awards: a queen's wardrobe; a personal appearance and travel contract; and many other special prizes. Throughout the year, the National Modern Miss Scholarship Program will award scholarships and tuition grants across the nation to many outstanding teenagers.



KACI GORDON DANCES IN RECITAL

Kaci Gordon performed two dance routines, "Little Magic Fairies" and "St. Louis Blues March" in a dance recital "Down Memory Lane" presented by the Sunshine School of Dance which was presented at the Mound, May 19. Kaci is the daughter of Daniel and Mary Gordon, Okmulgee.

Machelle tutors elementary students one hour a day. She attends Barbizon School of Modeling and performs the Lord's Prayer in sign language (Indian) in various churches and schools.

Machelle plans to attend college, pursue her modeling career and be involved in Christian work with children. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Knight of Tuskegee, OK.



# CN Headstart Graduation



"NOW THAT WE KNOW EVERYTHING, WHAT DO WE DO NOW?" appears to be the question of young Headstart graduate, Aaron Wesley, 4, (left), after Graduation ceremonies held for the graduates of the Creek Nation Headstart Program. Eufaula Headstart graduates received their diplomas Tuesday, May 15, from Mark Downing, Director of the Division of Human Development; Janet Lee, Director of the Creek Nation Headstart Program presented diplomas to the graduates of the Yeager Headstart Program on Thursday evening, May 17. A program of songs by the students were presented at both centers. Approximately 60 students graduated from both Headstart programs.

## FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR THE CREEK FESTIVAL:

**JUNE 13 - FATHER'S DAY DINNER:**

11:00 a.m., Complex, Okmulgee

**JUNE 15 - OLYMPICS:** Harmon Stadium, Okmulgee, Contact Janet Lee.

**JUNE 16 - CHILDREN'S GAMES:** Nichols Park, Henryetta, Contact Jay Buckner.

**JUNE 16-17 - TENNIS TOURNAMENT:** Okmulgee, Contact Lucien Berryhill.

**JUNE 16-17 - GOLF TOURNAMENT:**

Meadow Brook, Muskogee, Contact R. Kelly.

**JUNE 15-16-17 - MEN'S SOFTBALL**

TOURNAMENT: Nichols Park, Henryetta, Contact Steve Wilson.

**JUNE 16-17 - WOMEN'S SOFTBALL**

TOURNAMENT: Nichols Park, Henryetta, Contact Steve Wilson.

**JUNE 16 - VOLLEYBALL COED**

TOURNAMENT: Nichols Park, Henryetta, Contact Etta Conner.

The Men's All-Indian Softball Tournament is limited to 32 teams, 15 player roster and \$85 entry fee. Deadline for entry fee is June 8. The Women's Open Slow Pitch Softball Tournament is limited to 24 teams, 15 player roster and \$85 entry fee.

Prizes are 1st thru 4th place team trophy, sportsmanship trophy, 1st place, individual jackets, eight All-Star jackets and two MVP jackets. Those awards are the same for men and women.

The Volleyball tournament is limited to 16 teams with an entry fee of \$40.

## Indian-Owned TV Station is Issued Permit

The first commercial TV station in the country to be owned and operated by an American Indian corporation took one more step off the drawing boards recently.

In a ceremony that took place in the Washington, D.C. office of Mark Fowler, Federal Communications Commission chairman, Wallace Coffey, chairman of the Native American Communications Corporation board, received an FCC Construction permit that will enable the Corporation to begin building a UHF station in Lincoln, Nebraska.

"In addition to our commercial activities," said chairman Coffey, "we expect to have facilities to train Native Americans in broadcast production and to provide job opportunities for them."

Frank Blythe, president and chief executive officer of the Corporation, explained that, although Native American tribes and organizations now own some radio stations, they have no TV stations as yet. "The NACC station will be commercial and in a major market area," he said.

The site of the proposed new station, Lincoln, Nebraska, is now served only by one commercial TV station.

NACC filed an application in October 1982 to construct, own, and operate the commercial TV facility. Construction and start-up costs are projected at \$5 million. The station will

be built over the next 18 months with financing being secured from a number of lending institutions. The Corporation is also open to other outside investors.

NACC is a for-profit corporate subsidiary of the Native American Public Broadcasting Consortium of Lincoln. The officers and Board of Directors are Native Americans with extensive radio and television experience. Coffey, a Comanche

Indian, has twelve years experience as a television producer, Blythe, Sioux-Cherokee, has broadcast experience spanning 25 years of management in commercial radio and public television. Others are George Brudeau, Blackfeet, a Los Angeles producer; Hattie Kauffman, Nez Perce, news anchor for KING-TV in Seattle; Peggy Berryhill, Creek, an independent radio producer, and Chris Spotted Eagle, Houma, a Minneapolis, TV producer.

## Bacone Enrollment Half Price

Area high school students will have the opportunity this summer to get a head start on college courses at Bacone College, according to C. Roger Williams, director of Admissions and Registrar.

Under the college's concurrent enrollment plan, students who will be seniors in high school next year may enroll in regular college classes at Bacone for one-half the tuition costs.

High school seniors are also able to participate in the program during their senior year, and in special cases, high school juniors are also able to enroll in the program, Williams said.

Concurrent enrollment enables a student who is planning on attending a college or university to get some of the basic requirements out of the way before graduation from high school. The program allows a savings in

time and money for students since they will be able to complete their college degrees in less time.

For more information on concurrent enrollment for the summer or next fall, contact the Office of Admissions and Registrar, Bacone College, Muskogee, OK 74403.

## Energy Assistance For Elderly

The Community Research and Development Program announced today that they will be contacting the elderly starting July 2, for the purpose of providing assistance to them in paying their electric bill. If you do not have an application on file with their office from the winter energy assistance program, contact Steve Wilson, 756-8700, ext. 300, to make application for the summer energy assistance program.



Bill Weaver

## Weaver is Candidate for County Sheriff

Mr. Bill Weaver, 1/8 Creek, a life-long resident of Okmulgee County, announced this week that he is a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Okmulgee County and will seek the nomination of the Democratic Party in the primary election this summer.

Mr. Weaver is a 1967 graduate of Morris High School and now resides four miles east of Beggs with his wife, Susan Liles Weaver, and her two children, Cody and Dawn. The 36-year old candidate is the son of Lela Weaver and Bill "Chief" Weaver. Bill and his wife Susan are members of the Apostolic Church in Beggs.

The candidate stated: "I have a natural interest in competent law enforcement in Okmulgee County. My father was involved in law enforcement for 30 years, many of those years as the Chief of Police of Beggs and later the Chief of Police of Morris. His influence on me in my formative years created a keen interest in sound law enforcement."

A life-long Democrat, Weaver has attended Connors State College, majoring in Criminal Justice, and previously employed in law enforcement with Citizens Security of Okmulgee; Oklahoma State Tech Campus Security; and the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department. He has also been a licensed private investigator in the City of Tulsa for five (5) years as well as a former charter member of the Okmulgee County Law Enforcement Association. He was certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training of the State of Oklahoma in 1980, as a certified reserve police officer.

Asked if he has a campaign platform, the candidate said: "Yes! I have one main item. If the good people of the County will entrust me with the office of Sheriff, I promise that I will give them the most fair, honest, competent enforcement of the law possible. I am a man of integrity. I will see to it that the integrity of the office of Sheriff of Okmulgee County is restored and maintained. My door will always be open to anyone, rich or poor, well known or unknown. The people will receive equal, fair and impartial treatment. My office will have someone on patrol 24 hours a day. If someone needs a deputy at 2:00 o'clock a.m., they will not be told to

come to the courthouse at 8:00 o'clock the next morning. Cattlemen and farmers will receive the same professional service as any other businessman who suffered a loss by theft, etc. At present, there is a multi-million dollar industry in cattle stealing alone in this state. Hundreds of thousands of dollars from livestock theft is taking place right here in Okmulgee County. I will take the leadership in relieving the cattlemen of this injustice. Probably the most important part of my platform is: if elected, I will employ well-educated and experienced deputies to bring professional law enforcement to the Sheriff's Department. Under the present administration, they rely entirely upon the OSBI for trained, professional law enforcement investigations. The OSBI has more cases now than they can handle. With the state cutting budgets, the OSBI will be even more limited in the time they can offer in conducting an investigation. More importantly, the OSBI is not responsible to the voters in Okmulgee County, thus, once the Sheriff calls the OSBI in on a case, he is relieving (passing the buck) himself of the responsibility of solving the crime by simply stating "the Sheriff's Office has turned the case over to the OSBI. The people of Okmulgee County have seen this happen with at least four major murders this last four years, all four murders, to date, are still unsolved. If elected, I will assure the voters of Okmulgee County that they will have highly educated and experienced personnel in the Sheriff's Dept. that will be responsible to the People."

In closing, candidate Weaver remarked, "I have never run for a political office before and I am not a politician. I have no other outside business that would divide my time. Thus, if elected, I can and will devote my time. If elected I can and will devote my full attention to office of Sheriff without the distraction of other personal business to manage. I ask the support of the public. A man does not "own" the office of Sheriff, he "earns" it! I ask for the opportunity to prove to you that as your Sheriff I will have earned your vote by my accomplishments. I will consider each voter of this County as my employer and it will be with your tax dollars that I will be paid. It will be you that I am responsible to.



## VISIONS

You Think I Have  
Visions Because I  
Am Indian.

I Have Visions  
Because There Are  
Visions To Be Seen.

-Buffy Ste. Marie.



Rita Hicks

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Rita Elaine Hicks celebrated her birthday on April 18 and with a dinner on April 21. Her birthday was filled with lots of love and happiness with her family and friends. Rita is the daughter of Joe and Lorene Hicks of the Okfuskee area.

The family wishes to express their thanks for all those who were able to attend and make it a happy day for her to remember.



William Wind

## Creek Honor Student

William "Willie" Wind, a student at Henryetta Jr. High, and son of Daniel and Anna Wind of Henryetta, has been selected for membership in the Oklahoma Jr. High School Honor Society. This recognition, one of the highest that is given to students for scholastic achievement during the first semester of this year for the 7th grade.

Willie took a test for advanced students and scored a 3.5 average.

Willie is the grandson of Mattie Scott of Wetumka and Beatrice Barnett of Tulsa.

## Deaths

### TIMMIE BIRDCREEK

A longtime resident of Weleetka, Timmie Birdcreek, died May 11 at the Creek Nation Community Hospital of Okemah at the age of 92.

Funeral services were conducted May 15 in the Arbeka Indian Baptist Church in the Bryant community. Rev. John Lowe and Rev. Raley Haynes officiated.

Mr. Birdcreek was born March 27, 1892 in Okfuskee County, I.T., the son of Jessie Birdcreek and Mandy Asbury Birdcreek. A World War I veteran, he was a retired farmer and had resided in the Weleetka area most of his life. His wife, Hettie West Birdcreek, preceded him in death.

Survivors include a daughter, Mildred Harjo of Weleetka; three sons, Wallace Birdcreek, Jimmy Birdcreek and Sullivan Birdcreek, all of Phoenix, Arizona; nine grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren.

Interment was in the Arbeka cemetery under the direction of Buckley Funeral Homes of Weleetka, Wetumka, and Dustin.

### DAVID EUDIAN "WOLFIE" BIBLE

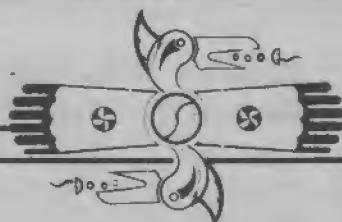
Funeral services were held for David Eudian "Wolfie" Bible of Coweta, 23 years old, May 21, 1984 at Broken Arrow United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. Rev. George Miller officiated. Interment was at Floral Haven Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home in Coweta, OK. He was born January 27, 1961 at Claremore Indian Hospital.

Survivors include: his parents Rev. George and Mrs. Lucille Miller, a sister Johnny Kelley of the home; Robert Bush, a cousin and also known as a Brother of Coweta; Grandfather Dave Bible of Glenpool; two aunts, Katherine Jones of Tulsa, and Shirley Thomas of Okmulgee; two uncles, David Bible of Tulsa, Robert Bible of Coweta, and a host of friends and relatives.

## A Tribute To Our Loved One

I have searched for answers to my question Why? Then in a sweet still voice I hear those words of comfort..."I'll lend you for a little time a child of mine," the Lord said. For you to love while he lives, and mourn when he is gone. It may be six or seven years, or twenty-three. But will you, till I call him back, take care of him for me. He'll bring his charms to gladden you, and shall his stay be brief. Now will you give him all your love, nor think the labor vain. But should the angels call for him much sooner than we planned. We would be brave and not bitter for we will still have the beautiful memories of our son, Wolfie. He has brought joy and happiness to our family and to many other families in Coweta and other communities. We would like to thank his many friends for their kindness shown to us, for your prayers, cards, flowers, and personal visitation. We deeply appreciate each act of kindness. We just thank the Lord for giving us a son like Wolfie.

Rev. George and Lucille Miller, Johnnie Kelly, sister, Robert Bush, like a brother



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## CN Communication Dept. To Publish Book On Creek Indian Churchs

One of the churchs to be depicted in the book is Springfield Indian Methodist, shown at right.

In a current project of the Creek Nation Communications Department, the rich histories and traditions of approximately 80 Creek churches, Methodist and Baptist, that are located within Creek Nation, will be chronicled in book form, with both histories and photographs of the churches. A video-tape will also be developed on the unique characteristics of these churches, which will be used for educational purposes.

The Creek Church project is presently in the developmental stages, and the Communications Department encourages pastors and boards of these churches to submit a typed or legibly-written history of their particular church to: Creek Nation Communications Department, Creek Nation Tribal Capitol Complex, Box 580, Okmulgee, OK, 74447.



## CN Indian Child Welfare Program Urges Child Placement Within Own Tribe

By Kathryn Bell



The Creek Nation Indian Child Welfare Program has issued an urgent request to Creek mothers who are in the process of giving their newborns up for voluntary adoption - "Please give the Creek tribe priority in the placement of your child," urged Helen Coon, caseworker with the CN Indian Child Welfare Program. "We have lost Creek children to other tribes because their mothers have given them to these other tribes," she continued. "Perhaps this is due to the mothers not knowing about this program - and if this is the case, every mother considering giving their baby up, should get the facts on this program. Creek babies being placed outside Creek homes is becoming a serious problem."

Explaining the negative effect such placement of Creek babies with non-Creeks, Mrs. Coon pointed out "each tribe is different and has different values and culture. This could have a negative effect upon the child's identity development. And some of these children may never know their heritage."

The Creek Nation Indian Child Welfare Program, in its third year, is called into court custody hearing of Indian children and acts as a liaison between the courts and the parents, with the priority being to place the child back into the home after certain compliances by the court to the parents are met. If this cannot be done, Indian Child Welfare makes

recommendation for the child to be placed within the extended family or with Indian foster homes.

In the case of voluntary adoption, proceedings, the priority is placement with Creek families.

Mrs. Coon emphasized the steps that the mother considering placing her child up for voluntary adoption, should take, in assuring that the child is placed within a Creek family: **the mother of the child should be enrolled with the Creek tribe so that the child will be eligible for this, the mother should first, get a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) by applying at the Bureau of Indian Affairs housed at the CN Complex, or call 756-3950 for further information. After the CDIB card is acquired, enrollment with the tribe can be accomplished by making application with the Citizenship Board, Elaine Waller, CN Complex, 756-8700, ext. 224.**

Also, reiterated Mrs. Coon, the mother should be aware of the Creek Nation Indian Child Welfare Program, by contacting her at 756-8700 ext. 302, Mound Building, or at P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447

"If the mother is not enrolled with the tribe, the child will be passed off as non-Indian by the court and then we have just lost that child..." said Mrs. Coon in concern over this increasing problem.



## Donations for Vets. . .

If you wish to assist members of the Vietnam Era Veteran's Association in sending an Honor Guard to stand vigil at the Vietnam War Memorial located in Arlington Park, Washington, D.C., please send contributions to: The Vet Center, 4111 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, Vietnam Era Veterans Inter-tribal Association. These contributions will help the brave men who made such sacrifices and brought such honor to our Indian race, to stand vigil in honor of their fallen comrades in arm.



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## Letters. . .

### Creek Communication Dept.. .

Dear Helen,

I am sorry it has taken me so long to thank you and your staff for co-sponsoring our 4th Annual National Cultural Curriculum Conference on June 4-8. All the participants enjoyed the field trip experience, as well as the fine lunch prepared for them. All were impressed with the overall operation of the Creek Nation and your staff's presentations.

Thank you again and I am looking forward to working with you and your staff in the future.

Anita Chisholm  
Associate Director  
American Indian Institute

## To the Creek People. . .

I am writing to urge all state registered voters to vote for Jim Martin for State Corporation Commission. Mr. Martin is opposing Jim Townsend in the state election to be held August 28.

Mr. Martin has been very active in the Coalition for Fair Utilities and previous to that has worked with the Neighbor for Neighbor Organization in Tulsa. Mr. Martin has been involved in opposing increases in gas, electric and water rates for many years. He and Mr. Charles Cleveland were responsible for the recent successful case against Public Service Company to refund 15 million dollars to its' customers. PSO has appealed, however, if the ratepayers have someone on the Corporation Commission who is sympathetic to our plight, alleviation of high utility bills will be possible.

Again, I urge all the Indians who are concerned about high electric and gas bills to get out and vote for Jim Martin on August 28. Mr. Martin is for us!

Sincerely, Jorene G. Coker

### DEAR MNN:

I am married to a Native American of the Creek Nation. As I watch him work and struggle to make a life for himself and me each day in a society that still is prejudice against him because of the color of his skin, it makes me wonder whether or not this can be called a civilized society.

I am ashamed of the fact that people in this day and time can still be so prejudiced against Native Americans.

We get the Muscogee Nation News and we look forward to receiving it. Each time I read of a young Native American accomplishment, I am deeply moved. I feel that there is much wrong that still needs to be set right towards the true Americans.

Yours Truly,  
Charlotte Barnett Gonzales, La.

## Smith Family Reunion. . .

Families of the late Joe Smith and Bill Smith of Dustin, Oklahoma, will be having a reunion on September 1, at the home of Bill R. Smith. (from Dustin, go approximately 2 1/2 miles west on Hwy. 9, turn south on Lamar Road, go five miles and follow signs) For more information, contact Minnie Long, 216 E. 3rd. Penn West, Holdenville, Oklahoma, 74848, or Johnson Roberts, Rt. 1, Dustin, Oklahoma 74839, or Diana Grayson, Rt. 1, Box 30, Stilwell, Oklahoma 74960. Bring a covered dish. All relatives and friends are invited.

## CREEK NATION BINGO JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The following positions have been listed by Indian Country USA for the Creek Nation Bingo operation expected to open in November. THE POSITIONS LISTED BELOW WILL BE INTERVIEWED AND FILLED PRIOR TO THE HIRING OF THE GENERAL STAFF.

### TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

Outgoing personality, salesmanship ability. Able to identify and work with leaders of community groups and organizations. Make presentations to interested parties in order to promote increased attendance of players at bingo. General knowledge of bus transportation industry helpful. Organizational skills a must. Ability to organize and supervise transportation network. Travel agency experience a plus. Please send resume and salary requirements. Approximate hire date, September 24, 1984.

### OFFICE MANAGER

Mature, dependable business-like individual with telephone and general office and organizational skills. Previous bookkeeping and supervisory experience helpful. Full time DAY POSITION, 9a.m.-5p.m. Please send resume. Approximate hire date October 9, 1984.

### SNACK BAR SUPERVISOR

Oversee cafeteria style operation as well as waiter and waitress service and kitchen staff. Position requires knowledge and previous experience in scheduling personnel, food ordering, maintaining inventory and light bookkeeping. Fast food management experience helpful. Please send resume. Approximate hire date, October 22, 1984. Please send resumes to:

INDIAN COUNTRY USA  
9904 EAST 73 STREET  
SUITE 10001

TULSA, OKLAHOMA 74133

RESUMES MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15, 1984. PLEASE INCLUDE COPY OF TRIBAL ENROLLMENT CARD WITH RESUME.



## -LEGAL NOTICE-

The Muscogee Nation has adopted an Ordinance regulating public gaming within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. All natural and legal persons who reside or do business within tribal boundaries are hereby notified that said Ordinance is in effect.

Effective July 1, 1984, general provisions have been adopted, the tribal office of Commissioner of Public Gaming is established, and Notice to Reservation Residents is required.

Effective October 1, 1984, tribal licenses are required for public gaming activities, rules of operation and general applicability for public gaming are in force, a Public Gaming Transaction Tax is adopted, and unlicensed public gaming is prohibited.

One aspect of this Ordinance is that Bingo games operated under state license shall also be required to obtain tribal licenses and to pay the Public Gaming Transaction Tax. Another aspect of this Ordinance is that the Muscogee Nation has adopted the Model Anti-Gambling Act drafted by the National Conference of Commissioners of Uniform Laws.

Copies of the Code are available for \$5.50 from the Office of the Principal Chief, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447.

Section 1003. The Principal Chief shall request in writing that the Bureau of Indian Affairs cause the Notice in Section 1002 to be published in the Federal Register. Failure of the Bureau to publish said Notice shall not be construed as limiting notice to reservation residents. Section 1004. The Principal Chief shall notify the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform Laws that the Muscogee Nation has adopted the Model Anti-Gambling Act.

## Indian Athletic Assn. Recently Organized

Providing international championships, scholarships for higher education to Indian athletes for professional and olympic teams and to be the largest Indian Amateur Association in the world are some of the goals of the North American Indian Athletic Association (NAIAA).

The purpose of the organization is to organize amateur Indian athletics throughout North America, said Gerald Flud, President. The concept of the organization was derived from participation, overview and research of other organizations which claim to provide championship events without crowning a champion. Other organizations fail to return to its members, benefits such as insurance, scholarships, or facilities. These are all goals of NAIAA.

The organization plans to hold championships in Basketball, Softball, Rodeo, Boxing, Baseball, Soccer and Swimming. In order for teams to play for these championships, they must go through regional qualifying tournaments. NAIAA's original tournaments.

NAIAA's initial project will be an All Indian Fastpitch, Men and Women Softball Tournament, August 24-25, at the Kendallwood Sports Complex in Glenpool, Oklahoma. Participants of the softball tournament will not be required to be a member of NAIAA. However, functions sponsored by NAIAA after the softball tournament in Glenpool will require participants to be a member of the organization. Memberships are \$25 per team, annually, and \$12 per year for individuals.

The organization is strongly stressing education for its young members. NAIAA will not restrict age limit for membership. For more information contact: Gerald Flud, President, North American Indian Athletic Assn., Rt. 2, Box 186, Beggs, Oklahoma 74421.

## Creek Recipes and Remedies

The Creek Nation Communication Center is in the process of collecting Creek recipes and remedies that are to be compiled into a book scheduled for publication at a later date.

We invite our readers to send in recipes of Creek dishes and remedies, as well as history on how the individual acquired the recipe, if available.

Please submit your recipe in legible writing and with complete and understandable instructions on how to prepare the recipe.

Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number and if you wish to dedicate the recipe and to whom.

Some of the recipes will be photographed for the book.

If you would like to call in a recipe, call Creek Nation Communications, 756-8700, ext. 327.

## Clinic Changes Posted. . .

Ms. Rita Ray, FNP, schedule for the Okmulgee Mobile Clinic, will be changed from Wednesday to two days each week - Wednesday and Friday, beginning August 1.

Ms. Ray performs immunizations, physicals, family planning, obstetrics, pap smears, and Well-Baby Clinic.



## Donations are Needed for Flooded Church

An appeal for funds has been issued by the Bowen Indian Baptist Church, Tulsa, to help restore the church building after the flooding in Tulsa. The church has been flooded under 5-10 feet in some places.

If you can provide donations in this

worthwhile endeavor, much needed by the church, contact Rev. Ira Pischubbe, pastor of Bowen Indian Baptist Church, 1st and Rosedale, (24 South Rosedale), Tulsa, OK 74127 or call Rev. Pischubbe, 446-5360 at his home or the church at 584-6015.

## CN Health Services Implement Fluoride Program

The Creek Nation Health Services Administration, in support of the recent passage of an ordinance of the Okmulgee City Council to fluoridate their water supply, has implemented a Fluoride Mouth Rinse Program for school-age children within the Creek Nation communities. This announcement came from Manager Mary Biermann during the issue of fluoridation of the city's water supply.

## Child Immunization Required by Schools

Parents usually start getting concerned about their child's immunization status when the child approaches the age for kindergarten enrollment. This concern is generally due to the fact that school law requires a child to have a certain number of immunizations prior to school admittance unless there are religious or medical objections to the child's receiving these immunizations. However, the concern for proper immunization should start long before this time.

Immunization against the childhood diseases of polio, diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough) should begin when your child is six to eight weeks old. The tables below show the schedule for immunizations.

### Primary Immunizations

Two months - DTP (Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis) and oral polio. Four Months - DTP and oral polio. Six Months - DTP. Fifteen Months - MMR (measles, mumps and rubella). Eighteen Months - DTP and oral polio.

### Booster Immunizations

Four to six years (before school entry) - Vaccines, DTP and oral polio. Every ten years, thereafter - TD (adult).

If your child's immunization record does not reflect a similar number of immunizations appropriate for his or her age, this may indicate that he or she is not adequately protected against these childhood diseases. These diseases are not a thing of the past. Just in the past year, Oklahoma has had an outbreak of pertussis (whooping cough). There were 192 cases reported as of June 1 for 1984. A large part of these cases occurred in our area of the state.

Check your child's immunization record. If you can't locate the record, you can call the clinic, physician's office or Department of Health where your child received the immunizations. A record of the dates of immunizations has been kept by these providers. Your child does not necessarily have to start over with immunizations if you can't find the record.

If you are not sure of your child's immunization coverage, or if you have any questions about immunizations, please call the clinic nurse or the community health nurse at the clinic nearest you.

which was voted on and unanimously passed by the Okmulgee City Council on July 10.

Creek Nation Dental Clinic dentists, Dr. Jack Shannon and Dr. Chuck Grim were pleased also with the passage of the ordinance - "The passing of this ordinance is in the best interest of good dental health. We would much rather prevent tooth decay than to treat it," they emphasized.

Explaining the importance of fluoride to good dental health, Dr. Shannon remarked, "Fluoride is one of the trace elements found in the bones and teeth. When there is a sufficient level in teeth, it can cut down the tooth decay rate as much as 70%, just by putting fluoride in the drinking water supply." Dr. Shannon further explained, "The optimum levels of fluoride is one part per million, so you can see that a small amount does a good job in prevention of tooth decay."

The Indian Health Services has expressed their intent to assist in funding the fluoridation project of the city, by installation of equipment. "This project will benefit the entire city and a large portion of the rural county area it serves," said Dr. Shannon.

## Collection Agencies And Elderly Rights

To better inform the elderly of their rights regarding collection agencies, the Creek Nation Community Research and Development Department has issued the following information about what a collection agency can and cannot do legally. The Fair Debt Collections Practices Act prevents collection agencies from making threats of action that they cannot do or do not intend to do. There is a fine levied on the collection agency, payable to the person threatened if such unlawful actions can be proved.

In the State of Oklahoma, a collection agency cannot: Force you to sell your homestead for satisfaction of judgement; Take more than 25% of your wages in garnishment; Take your automobile if the equity is worth \$1,500 or less; Garnish entitlements such as Social Security or SSI and force you to sell many other items.

If you have further questions or concerns on this matter, call your nearest legal services offices for advise.

## 50th Anniversary Dinner Scheduled for Alexanders

The children of Reverend and Mrs. William J. Alexander will honor their parents with a 50th Wedding Anniversary Dinner and Reception to be held September 1 at the YMCA Building, 17th and South Memorial, Tulsa, from 5-8 p.m. Friends and relatives are cordially invited.



**TWINS BORN AT CREEK NATION COMMUNITY HOSPITAL** - David and Julie Marie Billy, Weleetka, are the proud parents of twin sons born August 8. Shown with their Dad is Darrell, or is it Farrell on the left, anyway. Darrell weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz. and Farrell weighed 5 lbs. 12 ozs.



Richard and Dora Dunn are proud to announce the birth of their third son, Edwin Lee Dunn. To welcome him home are his brothers, Mark, 9, and Timothy, 7. Edwin was born May 19 in Frankfurt, West Germany. He weighed 7 lbs., 14 1/2 ozs. He is the 23rd grandchild of Joan (Sunny) Dunn.

## Birth Announcements . . .

### LaResa LaNell Johnson

LaResa LaNell Johnson was born July 9 at Carl Albert Hospital in Ada. LaResa weighed 8 lbs., 4 1/2 ozs., and measured 21 inches. She is the daughter of Tracey Lee Johnson of Lamar. Maternal great-great grandfather is Johnson Harjo of Okemah. Maternal grandmother is Ester Collins of Oklahoma City. Maternal grandfather is Pete Johnson of Lamar. LaResa has one brother, Noah James, four years old.

### Waylon Andrew Underwood

Waylon Andrew Underwood was born July 6, at Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada. Waylon weighed 7 lbs., 11 ozs., and measured 19 inches. He is the son of Joann and David Underwood of Sayer. Maternal great-grandfather is Johnson Harjo of Okemah. Maternal grandmother is Ester Collins of Oklahoma City. Maternal grandfather is Pete Johnson of Lamar. Waylon has one brother, Noah James, four years old.



# CN Council Representatives View Their Legislative Positions in the Creek Nation Tribal Government

The following interviews are the first in a series this paper will conduct with National Council Representatives. The MNN welcomes any comments the readers have about the interviews. Comments should be addressed to the Muscogee Nation News, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447.



Sandy McIntosh is one of three McIntosh Representatives to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. He is also chairman of the Committee on Tribal Affairs. Tribal Affairs is one of the administrative divisions within the Creek Nation executive branch of government.

In a recent interview with McIntosh, he stated several concerns which he felt were very important to the people of his district. "Most of them are poor down in my district, some of these districts have wealthy Indians; but, in my district, oh... I say only five per cent of them has got money," McIntosh stated.

"A lot of people came to me asking me to run for Council. When I was elected, I didn't know nothing about it, but, I said that I would try to learn... I had never messed with this business of administration. I had heard about what they were doing up that way, but a lot of times you get the wrong information," McIntosh exclaimed.

He continued, "If I done anything, I wanted it to be right, especially for the older Creek Indians, because they are the ones who started this thing in the first place... so I was thinking about their health problems, they have more health problems than the younger ones, so that's what I'm thinking of, is the health deal. I always been for education. The Education Department here is a big benefit for our children."

**MNN: How do you see your role as a council member? Do you see yourself into everything going on, or specifically as a lawmaker, a legislator?**

**COUNCILMAN McINTOSH:** Most every division here has certain rules to go by. I think the person that is the head of those should be working with the Council, and the Chief. I don't think anybody should be against anybody. Sometimes, I am bad to talk, and sometimes I say the wrong thing. But,

that's the way I feel. The Chief should report to the Council and the Directors should report, anyhow. . . . every quarter.

**MNN: Do you feel you have now been properly trained for legislating on the Council?**

**COUNCILMAN McINTOSH:** No!. We need a lot more training. We have learned a lot since we went to Albuquerque and Reno. In Reno, I learned more than all the time I have been on the Council. (McIntosh was referring to legislative training workshops held in those cities.)

**MNN: What do you feel are the strengths of the National Council?**

**COUNCILMAN McINTOSH:** The National Council has all the strength, because everything has to go to the Council for approval.

**MNN: How do you view your role as a legislator?**

**COUNCILMAN McINTOSH:** Well, if everything goes like I think it should of went... it would have been a real good thing for our people to know what is going on... but, it has not gone that way.

**MNN: What is your priority as a Council member?**

**COUNCILMAN McINTOSH:** knowing about contracts.

**MNN: How many organized communities are there in McIntosh District and do you attend the community meetings?**

**COUNCILMAN McINTOSH:** Only two, but they are trying to start up Eufaula again. I don't know about Ryal, if they are meeting or not. I Haven't heard them say. Hanna meets the first Monday, Checotah and Eufaula also meet the first of the month.

**MNN: What is usually discussed at the meetings and do you discuss any pending legislation with them?**

**COUNCILMAN McINTOSH:** Yeah.

**MNN: How much feedback do you get out of these discussions and do the people express their concerns about how they want you to vote on items?**

**COUNCILMAN McINTOSH:** Most of the things they are interested in is education and other stuff, like what is available, such as welfare and help for the elderly. They don't ask nothing else, just stuff like that. They ask about the Agri-Business. I told the Chief that's the only headache he's got. It is never going to be able to run its' own self. All the grants and Indian money that's been put into it. . . It should run its' own self, like its' supposed to. It's a big waste. I used to work there for six months. I think they should get somebody to run the thing instead of trying to run it from up here.

**MNN: So you see the Agri-Business as the major problem in your district?**

**COUNCILMAN McINTOSH:** Oh, Yeah!. . . that's the only thing they gripe about mostly. And then they bring up this thing about the Omniplex deal. The only thing about that is that its' going to help the young people...but we need to take care of our older people.

**MNN: But, don't you think we need to look to the future, also?**

**COUNCILMAN McINTOSH:** I don't think they need to go overboard. Those seats, we use them once a year.

**MNN: The plan is to lease the arena for events other than the annual rodeo with the profit coming back into the Tribe. Have you explained this to them?**

**COUNCILMAN McINTOSH:** This is how the older people in my district see it. Just like the Agri-Business, the people there don't like it.

**MNN: Why do they resent the Agri-Business so much?**

**COUNCILMAN McINTOSH:** Well, they spent all that money, then put somebody down there that don't care. They are just down there for their salaries, just like those Indians that used to work down there has told me, they heard them say that.

**MNN: You said the Indians that used to work there. Why don't they work there now?**

**COUNCILMAN McINTOSH:** On the program, they just worked so, a-learning.

**MNN: Are you saying, that when their time period was up on the program and they left, they didn't have good feelings about leaving or about the program?**

**COUNCILMAN McINTOSH:** Oh, no, no - everybody you talk to said there was nothing to it. They didn't show them nothing, they just put them on tractors and didn't even tell them how to run it. . . The young folks are only interested in education. We've got a good deal there. The way I look at it is, the Indians need a lot of encouragement, they ain't like other people. . . They ask a lot about jobs. We know the Creek Nation can't furnish everybody a job, but when the job descriptions come out, they can't do that. They do manual labor.

**MNN: Do you have any ending comments?**

**COUNCILMAN McINTOSH:** Yeah, I feel the Council members should know the qualifications of each director and manager, so I can know who to send people to.



Perry Beaver is one of three Tulsa District Representatives to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. He is chairman of the Committee on Human Development, a division of the Creek executive branch of tribal government. The Muscogee Nation News recently interviewed Councilman Beaver at this home in Jenks about how he views his role as a councilmember after seven months in office.

**MNN:** Recently the Council attended a legislative training workshop in Albuquerque. Did this workshop give you a better insight into legislating for the Creek Nation and how do you view your role as a councilmember?

**COUNCILMAN BEAVER:** Our purpose is to make policy, that's how I see the Council.

**MNN:** In talking to another councilmember, he stated that after the workshop, one of the things he realized was just how much power the Council has. How do you feel about this?

**COUNCILMAN BEAVER:** I don't know what he meant by power. To me, we as the Council have the right to legislate what is going on... now, we don't have the power to go run things, that's the administration's job, that's the executive branch there. I don't want any power like that.

**MNN:** In the workshop, did they go over separation of powers within our constitution?

**COUNCILMAN BEAVER:** After they described how different tribes operate their tribal governments, they went over our constitution and separation of powers was explained. In some tribes, the Council does all the hiring and firing; but in that case, the Council is the tribe, the administration, the legislators... everything together, like a business committee.

**MNN:** Do you feel our councilmembers understood this as it was being explained?

**COUNCILMAN BEAVER:** Well, I thought they did, that we are only a policy making body.

**MNN:** If you have any doubts about a resolution that is up for passage, and you know there are some good qualities in it, how do you make a decision on whether to vote for it or against it? Have you ever abstained on a vote?

**COUNCILMAN BEAVER:** No, I don't like to abstain. I can see why some of the member's abstain, they either do not know what is going on, or else couldn't make a decision. . . In anything you do, if you are looking for some bad, you are going to find it. The way I look at legislation is, I have to do what is best for my district, then what is best for the tribe as a whole. . . I like to see progress, I'd like to see adding to the land base and get things going. As for the people, I would rather see them get a job, than give them money. I know some of them have to be assisted, we have to take care of our young and our old. . . I used to think education was the answer to a lot of problems, now that I've thought more about it, it is just getting a job and becoming self supporting. There's plenty of good jobs without a lot of education required.

**MNN:** To what do you attribute the obvious non-participation of Creek citizens at Council meetings?

**COUNCILMAN BEAVER:** Well, if I had never attended a council meeting before, I might not come back because of the way things go.

**MNN:** What do you think of the Council's inability to come to common agreements on issues?

**COUNCILMAN BEAVER:** That is something we are going to have to work on, have more committee meeting, so everything can be discussed, then we will be more able to answer questions to the other council members when the time



comes. . .When I am in a committee meeting, I like to have everything discussed, so I will know beforehand about what is going on. Then, when someone asks me a question, I know how to answer them. This is the purpose of committees. After an item has cleared committee, it should be ready to go.

**MNN:** There seems to be a trend among the Council not to trust committee recommendations and decisions, why is this?

**COUNCILMAN BEAVER:** I think it is because some of the councilmembers do not do their homework, they do not keep informed. Myself, if I feel I need more information on something, its my own fault, either I need to study the information on the situation more, or I need to ask more questions from the sources. . .In our committee, we get everything settled in our minds about which is right and what might be wrong. For instance, the Head Start proposal should have went. . .but something was added into it that referred back to another ordinance that they didn't like. They (the Council) were not against the Head Start Program, it was the modification of another amendment they didn't like. An ordinance to negotiate shouldn't contain the whole proposal and that whole proposal be made into law. You have to allow room for flexibility in administration of the program.

**MNN:** What happened. . .was the proposal changed after it went through committee? Was the original proposal that went through committee the same one that was presented at the Council meeting to be legislated?

**COUNCILMAN BEAVER:** No, the original proposal that we took to committee gave us a run down of everything, from salaries to the scope of the program, then the legislative assistant wrote up the whole proposal as an ordinance, putting some things in it that I didn't think should be. You can't make specific operational item law, because there are too many intangibles in a proposal like that to make it absolute law.

**MNN:** Were the items that were incorporated into the ordinance previously discussed in your committee meeting?

**COUNCILMAN BEAVER:** Yes, it had been decided that all that stuff didn't need to be in there. We can't make a proposal law. If we are proposing a grant, the people who are awarding the grant might want something different, then we would have to go back and make amendments, which is very time consuming and costly. . .so, I was just wanting to put into ordinance that we would implement a Head Start Program as such. . .as the proposal went. I think that is the concern of some of the councilmembers, they don't trust the administration to negotiate. I do not know why, or why not, because everything is in black and white, we have the proposal that we went with. . .I have never seen a proposal that has been changed that much when it comes back from negotiations. The people who award the grant are the ones who tell you what you can or cannot do with the funds. The proposal tells you how you are going to spend the funds, and if the grantor tells you you are not going to spend the funds in a certain way, then that is the way they must be spent. . .I don't think we need that much legislation as far as ordinances go. . .When the Head Start proposal came out of committee, I was just wanting to go with this one sheet, it

didn't have all the budget breakdown, it just gave authorization to negotiate and the scope of the program. . .in case we either got more or less than we anticipated, the program scope could be altered and that is all it would amount to. . .you have to be flexible, but I don't know how willing some of the councilmembers are to give up that flexibility.

**MNN:** We are hearing a lot about communication between the Council and the Administration. Some of the Council does not feel it is their responsibility to find out what is going on, that is the entire responsibility of Administration to bring information to them; while on the other hand, Administration feels they are putting out every bit of information they have to the Council in the form of reports, information packets and joint meetings with them, so where do you go from here? Do you feel there is adequate information between the Council and the Administration and are you getting enough information with which to make policy?

**COUNCILMAN BEAVER:** Personally, I think we are going to have to work more closely, we are going to have to work as a team. We need to do more visiting and see what is going on. Everybody said we had a pretty good session the other day and later I got to thinking. . .in order to do things, there has to be a little controversy. If you are wrong, you've got to be man enough to change and not be stubborn about it. . .just like this nuclear power controversy, some say it is going to be doom to mankind and some say it is the greatest thing for mankind. . .It is not what is right or wrong. . .it is how you believe. You have to come off the rail somewhere and agree. I'm talking about the whole tribe. . .one thing for sure, we can't pull each other down.

**MNN:** Do you feel that you know everything that is going on with Creek Nation?

**COUNCILMAN BEAVER:** Sometime I do and sometime I don't, when I feel that I do not know what is going on, then it is my fault. Either I haven't asked enough questions, done enough research or studied the information enough. . .If there is something going on that I do not know about, it is my own fault. . .When I meet with a proposed piece of legislation, I like to have everyone there so I can ask all the questions that I think the other councilmembers are going to ask me, then I will know how to answer them.

**MNN:** Does the Tulsa area have community meetings?

**COUNCILMAN BEAVER:** Every once in a while, one of the other Tulsa Representatives will call a meeting and let me know. I don't call any because we are so scattered. Later on, I hope we can get some tribal money so we can set up a place where we can meet regularly?

**MNN:** Do you hear very much from your constituents about matters concerning Creek Nation?

**COUNCILMAN BEAVER:** Mostly, what I hear from them is when they have problems. For instance, someone called me last night wanting to know if their getting a house was in jeopardy, so I called the Housing Authority this morning and everything is fine. . .things like this are normally what I get. In the Tulsa District, we have three Representatives, so that means we have at least three thousand Creek population. Whenever we have a tribal program, one which is serviced from Creek tribal money, then we should get what our percentage is. Our percentage was real low in the School Clothes Program. There was a

breakdown in getting the information out. . .With tribal money, I think everyone is entitled to it, that is by our Constitution, it is discrimination from the word go, to put tribal money on an income level, because then you are discriminating against those who got out and worked and helped themselves. If you are a Creek, you are entitled to all benefits, because that is what the money is for. . .the Constitution says, if you are a member of the Tribe, then you are entitled to all rights within. . .when you limit money to needs, then you are discriminating against all Creeks. . .You have to do things for all the Tribe, no matter who they are, if its tribal money. You never know who will be in a position to help. By giving to everybody, those who can help later on down the road will do so. I am really against distributing money on a needs basis. . .I remember when I was discriminated against because I was too poor. . .now that I have gotten out and have an education and started making money, they say I am too rich. . .I feel I have been discriminated against because I got out and did something for myself. . .I am a Creek and I am entitled to Creek money. . .some of the concerns I received when I was campaigning in Tulsa County was they were not getting benefits they thought they deserved. Creek Nation just was not coming into Tulsa County, like in the housing, health and social programs. I can see why some of these programs couldn't come up here into the Tulsa city limits because of federal regulations and boundary limits. . .they just couldn't. If an Indian student here needed to go to Claremore and lived beyond 91st street, a Creek Nation CHR couldn't take him because Tulsa has its' own Indian health program and that's by federal regulation. These things need to be explained to the Creek people living here so they will understand why they can't be served by Creek Nation.

**MNN:** Does being a Representative to the Creek Council take up a lot of your time?

**COUNCILMAN BEAVER:** In some respects it does. . .really, when I ran for Council, I didn't even know we would get paid. When I got those checks, I was surprised. I use the money for travel back and forth to meetings. You can give it as much time as you want to. Some of the councilmembers are down at the Complex several times a week. Now some of the things they are taking care of, I don't feel is my responsibility. We have trained people employed to do these services. If someone calls and wants me to take them to the hospital, I will call a CHR to take them.

**MNN:** Is there anything else you see as a definite need for the Creek people that the tribal government can supply?

**COUNCILMAN BEAVER:** Just a Tulsa office, where the people can come at least once a week and get some business done, whether its enrolling, applying for service or finding out what is available for them.

## I Dare You!

### Ten Steps To A Healthy Self-Image!

The following is an article extracted from the American Junior Hereford Association magazine and was submitted to the MNN by Councilman Clarence Cloud.

By Chan McBride

Fundamental goals for a healthy self-image are very definite and pre-planned. In order for you to become great or continue to be great, you must develop, and continue to develop, a good self-image.

**Step One.** Take inventory. Every person has unique talents, abilities and positive attributes. List these items from simple to complex. . .don't leave a single one off the list. Think of the things you take for granted and include them.

**Step Two.** Dress yourself the way you want to feel. This will have a very definite bearing on how you see yourself on the inside.

**Step Three.** Read biographies and autobiographies of men and women who have gotten a great deal out of life. Also, read and listen to a little motivational material every day from such fine men as Norman Vincent Peale, the Bible, and See You At The Top by Zig Ziglar.

**Step Four.** Join the smile and compliment club. It is impossible for you to make someone feel better without feeling better yourself. Look for the good things in those around you and let them know about it through a compliment.

**Step Five.** Be careful of your associates. Try to associate with people of a high moral character who look on the bright side of life, and the benefits will be enormous.

**Step Six:** Avoid pornography. Literally everything that goes into your mind has an effect and is permanently recorded.

**Step Seven.** Learn from successful failures. Hank Aaron, who broke Babe Ruth's record, has struck out more times than 99 per cent of the players who make it to the major leagues. Nobody considers him a failure. Few people even remember his failures, only the successes.

**Step Eight.** Keep in good physical shape. People who feel good physically, feel good mentally, and will think more clearly and perform much better.

**Step Nine.** Join an organization, such as the AJHA, that has worthwhile goals, one that encourages you to participate by speaking. Many people can speak well in private conversation, but see themselves as failures when faced by an audience.

**Step Ten.** Be honest: be able to look yourself and others in the eye. Many people feel they are unworthy or aren't good enough for those they come in contact with, including themselves. From the man on the street, to the professional businessman, most people will say they like a person who looks them in the eye. Look in the mirror daily and give yourself a compliment.

After recognizing these ten basic steps to a healthy self image, I am confident that you will put them into action, continue to use them and be as great person as you can be. I dare you to be that person!

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August 25, 10 a.m.**



# DEATHS

## ADAM HARJOCHEE

Services were held Monday, July 23, at 1:30 p.m. for Adam Harjochee at the High Springs Baptist Church with Rev. Raley Haynes of Weleetka officiating. He died July 20 at the age of 80 years.

He was born April 17, 1904 at Mason, Oklahoma Indian Territory. He lived in Okemah most of his life. He became a member of High Springs Baptist Church at an early age and was a deacon in the church.

He is survived by his wife Jennie, of the home; two daughters, Lorene Cammona, Holdenville; and Julia Spain, Okemah; three sons, Herman, of the home, and Clint and Frank, Oklahoma City; 22 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Margaret Bridgeford and Jennie Mae Harness.

Interment will be at the High Springs Baptist Church Cemetery under the direction of the Webb Funeral Home.

## CLEO MAXINE RAWSON

C. Maxine Rawson, 65, died May 24, in Pahrump, Nevada. She was born February 18, 1919 in Council Hill, Oklahoma. A seven year resident of Pahrump, she was a law office bookkeeper.

She is survived by her daughter, Robin Laub of Pahrump; sons, Anthony Johnston of Sylmar, CA., Neil of Henderson, and Brett of Murray, Utah; sisters, Lois Clark of Oklahoma City and Bernice Benson of Tulsa; brother, Elliot Carter of Oklahoma City, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Palm Valley View Chapel.

## BENJAMINE "BEN" PORTER

Services for Benjamin "Ben" Porter, 81, a retired Department of Transportation employee, were held Monday at 10 a.m. in Bradley Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Edward Leader officiating.

Burial followed in the Memorial Park Cemetery. Master Masons will serve as pallbearers. All Master Masons of T as pallbearers. All Master Masons of Trinity Lodge 502 are asked to be at the temple at 9 a.m. Monday.

Memorial services were held at 7 p.m. Sunday in the First Indian Baptist Church.

Born March 31, 1903, at Okemah, Indian Territory, Porter died Thursday in Muskogee General Hospital. He was the son of James and Nancy Porter. He came to Muskogee as a small child and attended schools at Bacone College. He was a graduate of Bacone High School and Bacone College.

Porter was a member of Montezuma Baptist Church of Okemah, Order of Eastern Star, Hope chapter, 401 and past member of Trinity Lodge AF&AM.

Survivors include his wife, Madeline, of the home; a son, Alex, of Miami; and three grandchildren.



## Weatherization Program, Established by O.G. & E. For Senior Citizens

The following article was submitted by the Community Research and Development Administration to make Senior citizens aware of this new program and its benefits. For further information on this program, contact Steve Wilson, Manager, Community Research and Development, 756-8700 ex. 300.

The Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company have established a weatherization assistance program for senior citizens client of their company. Outlined here are some brief facts about the program OG & E is currently seeking both eligible clients and contractors. Call EODD if you have any questions at (918) 682-7891.

The Hand-in-Hand Program will provide weatherization for the elderly consumption at no cost to the homeowner and increase the comfort of the homes in all seasons, allowing senior citizens to live independently and longer in their own homes.

To qualify for Hand-in-Hand weatherization, a person must be: an Oklahoma Gas and Electric customer, an owner-occupant of the home to be weatherized, 65 years or older, and unable physically or financially to weatherize the home.

Senior citizen contractors who meet the following criteria, may install Hand-in-Hand weatherization materials: be in bona fide retirement, be an OG&E customer, and provide own hand tools and transportation, form a 2-person independent contracting teams, and attend a training session and sign a Hand-in-Hand weatherization contract with OG&E.

Hand-in-Hand contractors are trained to: caulk and weatherstrip exterior doors and windows, install new thresholds, replace broken window glass, reglaze windows, install water heater insulation jackets, and make minor structural repairs for weatherization purposes.

All costs of weatherization materials and labor will be paid by OG&E, with maximum expenditure of \$400 per home. There will be no charge whatever to the Senior Citizens whose homes are selected for weatherization.

Ceiling insulation will be installed in attics by qualified insulation contractor attics by qualified insulation contractors through working agreements with OG&E. Guidelines for adding ceiling insulation are: if existing ceiling insulation level is R-0 to R-8, insulation will be increased to R-13 level; if existing insulation level is R-9 or better, no insulation will be added.

## To The Creeks:

I'd like to try and locate some of the Wind Clan people of the Creek Nation, for which I am of - the one's who are ancestors to the Alabamas.

I have been given the name "Tomah" in a vision. I hope one will reply of the Wind Clan.

I have been raised by a family, by which I was given when I was a few months old. I was then raised on Long Island, N.Y. The people that were my parents were named Fryer. I believe that my father has passed on, but I know very little. Any help I can get will be appreciated. I am now 34 and am from Hickman, Tenn., where I was supposedly born.

Tomah, C/O Scholls Rt. 2 Box 358 A, Berea, Ky. 40403

## BIA Quietly Celebrates 150th Anniversary

The Bureau of Indian Affairs observed without fanfare, its' 150th anniversary on June 30. The organization was legislatively created by Congress, as part of the War Department, on June 30, 1834.

It was subsequently transferred from military to civilian control in 1849, when the Department of the Interior was established. Responsibility for Indian Affairs in the early years of the United States was given by an ordinance on August 7, 1786, to the Secretary of War, Henry Knox.

The first Congress continued the administration of Indian Affairs within the War Department with direction to the Secretary to place armed militia at the disposal of Indian Commissioners "for negotiating treaties with the Indians." The Office of Superintendent of Trade came into being in 1806 to regulate and control trade with the Indians. In 1824, without authority from Congress, Secretary of War John C. Calhoun, created what he called the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Thomas McKenney, former Superintendent of Trade, was appointed to head the office with two clerks assigned to him as assistants. In 1832, Congress authorized the President "...to appoint, by and with the advise of the Senate, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, who shall, under the direction of the Secretary of War, and agreeably to such regulations as the President may, from time to time, prescribe, have the direction and management of all Indian affairs, and all matters arising out of Indian relations."

Salary for the first Commissioner, Elbert Herring, was set at \$3,000. In 1977, there was created the position of Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs in the Department of the Interior. Forrest Gerrard, a member of the Blackfeet Indian tribe, was the first person to fill this office. The present Assistant Secretary is Ken Smith, a Wasco Indian from the Warm Springs Reservation in Oregon.

## Indian Health Care Improvement Act Due to Expire, Unless Reauthorized

One of the most significant laws affecting Indians will expire at the end of 1984 unless Congress completes action to amend and reauthorize it. The Indian Health Care Improvement Act, originally enacted in 1976, encouraged and supported Indians entering the health care professions; provided funding to eliminate backlogs in Indian Health Care services and to construct or renovate Indian Health Services hospitals and clinics; and made services available to urban Indians.

Bills to update and continue the Act have been introduced in both houses of Congress and hearings have been held--but neither houses have voted. One of the amendments, proposed by Congressman Morris Udall, would elevate the position of the Director of Health and Human Services to an Assistant Secretary for Indian Health in the Department of Health and Human Services. A new office of Indian Health Service, also would be created in the department.

## Select Committee on Indian Affairs Recently Made Permanent in U.S. Senate

The Select Committee on Indian Affairs was made a permanent committee of the Senate when the Senate passed a S. Res. 127 by unanimous consent on June 6.

Res. 127 is strongly supported by the Indian and Alaskan Native governments and people. NCAI Director Suzann Shown Harjo wrote a letter to each Senator that "federal Indian policy contemplates that American Indian and governments are a part of American Society. Making the Indian Affairs Committee a permanent part of the Senate would send an important symbolic message to Indian people and would serve the practical interests of public development.

S. Res. 127 would continue the Senate's orderly process of examining and resolving complex issues which cannot be resolved successfully on an ad hoc, part-time basis."

## Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 Drastically Changed Indian History

The course of American Indian History was drastically changed, fifty years ago, by the passage of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, Interior Assistant Secretary Ken Smith told Indian leaders in a letter marking the Act's fiftieth anniversary. Smith, a Wasco Indian from Oregon, is the Reagan Administration's top Indian official.

Smith noted that the act "marked a turning point in Federal-Indian relations. It halted or reversed prior policies which had cumulatively proved disastrous for Indians."

The Act ended a period of almost fifty years in which federal policy was to break up tribal land holdings through allotments to Indian individuals. Under this policy, implemented by the General Allotment Act of 1887, Indian land holdings were reduced from more than 136 million acres in 1887 to less than 50 million acres in 1934.

## Berkeley Recruiting Indians for Graduate Program

The American Indian Graduate Program at Berkeley offers recruitment, admission and retention support and has helped with employment for students following graduation. At the University of California, Berkeley, students can apply for financial support from the Graduate Minority Scholarship Program.

The American Indian Graduate Program works with the individual student, not only in the admissions process, but in securing financial support and helping with housing, as needed.

Prospective applicants may call the program collect or write for further information. Elaine Wolbroek, MPH, Director, American Indian Graduate Program, 140 Warren Hall, University of California, Berkeley, CA 9472.



## Tallahassee Group To Attend Festival

Sam Proctor and his group "The Tallahassee Stomp Dancers" will again this fall, be leaving Okmulgee to attend the Tallahassee Festival to be held in Tallahassee, Florida on September 22 and 23.

The group plans to travel by vehicle, starting their trip September 17, with an itinerary that includes a stopover in Philadelphia, Mississippi and in Lake Haven, Florida, where they plan to dance. They plan to arrive in Tallahassee on Friday, the 21st, and will dance Saturday morning and afternoon, and Sunday morning.

Proctor said that he expects about 22 to be making the trip this year and he gave the following account of last years trip to the Festival:

Last year, in September, a group of Tallahassee Ceremonial Ground members, under the leadership of Sam Proctor, participated in the Third Annual Florida Native American Heritage Festival which was sponsored by the Tallahassee Junior Museum in Florida.

Tallahassee's participation was to promote the objectives of the Festival, which is to educate and bring to public attention, an exposure of Indian culture, friendship, arts and crafts and personal contact to help combat stereotyped images.

The group performed twice daily presenting the Duck, Friendship, Double-Header, Four-Corner and stomp dances. During the last dance of each performance, the public was invited to participate, with large numbers responding.

A special presentation of the keys to the city and a proclamation from the governing body of Tallahassee, Florida to the Ceremonial Ground, was presented by Chief Justice, B.K. Roberts of the State Supreme Court of Florida, who is of Creek descent. It commemorates the brief return of Tallahassee to their former homeland to promote the objectives of the festival.

Also during this trip, a historic event took place in that the delegation, at the invitation of Charles Daniels, ground Chief of Pine Arbor Stomp Ground, visited their ground. This visit was the first by a Creek delegation to this Creek ground since the 1840's. The event was celebrated with a meal, presentation of gifts, and a dance to commemorate the visit.

The tour of the animal habitat area and a boat trip on the Wakulla River were enjoyed by the delegation.

Attending last year were; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Proctor and children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Skeeter, Mr. and Mrs. Cedo Screechowl and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Tiger, James Proctor, Bill Proctor, Richard Williamson, Earl Kirkland, Thomas Yahola, Irene Harjo, Sarah McNac and Carolyn Pearce.

### End-of-Season Tournament

The Third Annual Men's End-of-Season Fastpitch Tournament will be held September 21, 22, and 23 at Nichols Park in Henryetta. The Tournament is held each year by Mickey and Lois Smith. We would like to invite all teams to participate this year in the tournament.

For more information call 918-657-2287 or 918-657-2230.



Jacqueline Cook

### Jacqueline Cook Graduates With Distinction From OU

Jacqueline Cook, 22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cook, Holdenville, graduated with distinction from the University of Oklahoma having earned a BA in Sociology. She had maintained a 3.75 overall grade average on a 4.0 scale and has been listed on the Dean's and President's Honor Roll on several occasions.

On April 27, Jacqueline was initiated as a member of Phi Beta Kappa which is an Honorary Society comprised of the top ten percent of graduating seniors in the College of Arts and Sciences. Other honors include membership in Phi Eta Sigma, Freshman Honor Society; Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society; and the American Indian Scholastic Honor Society.

### "Inside Native Sports" Issues Premier Edition

Providing a quality publication directed to all Indian sports, coaches, athletes and fans is the concept of INSIDE NATIVE SPORTS, which began its publication with a premier issue this month.

George Tiger, publisher, states the purpose of the magazine, "is to provide a communication tool that can be used in recognizing our Indian people who are contributing in the athletic arena and society in general."

Features will include outstanding Indian athletes and coaches on the grade, high school, college and professional levels. The monthly publication will cover all Indian sports such as softball, basketball, boxing, rodeo and etc. Other features will include past Indian athletes, coaches and teams, as well as Tribal Native Sports.

Inside Native Sports encourages its readers to submit sports related items on outstanding individuals for publication in the magazine. All materials submitted will be returned upon request, otherwise it will become property of INS. For more information contact: George Tiger, President/Publisher, Inside Native Sports, P.O. Box 27, Morris OK 74445.

## Robison Family Reunion

By Ethel Coleman Torres

A reunion was held by the descendants of Colonel William Robinson, who became a Colonel in the Civil War and was later a trader. He was instrumental in the work of the Muskogee Fairs and was superintendent of the Wetumka Indian Mission School until his death in the early 1900's. He was the son of Dr. Alexander and Elizabeth Reed Robison.

The Reunion was held at the Thlophlocco Tribal Town complex near Okemah with more than 127 people present.

The program started at 10 a.m. with Ben Birdcreek, Lawrence, Kansas, Master of Ceremonies.

The opening Devotional was given by Ethel Coleman Torres, Weleetka, assisted by Mrs. Jessie Robison, Wetumka. The three surviving granddaughters were acknowledged with each given an attractive potted plant. Susie Foster, Okemah, was the only one present. Pearlie Scott and Martha Tiger, both of Weleetka, were unable to attend. A memorium was held for the members who had died in the past year; Arline Coleman, Weleetka, Sarah Berryhill, Christie Severs and Howard Scott - all of Wetumka; Kittie Ruth Long, Oklahoma City, and James Sawyer, Coweta.

The eldest member present was Susie, who received a colorful throw pillow, and the youngest was Tara Riggie and Angela Robinson. Stella Robison, Paden, received a beautiful "God's Eye" for having the most children present - 6 sons and one daughter and their families.

Introductions were made of each family and how they were related to the Colonel and where they were from.

John Edminster, Okemah, gave grace for the noon meal.

Tommy Robison, Oklahoma City, was elected new president and B.C. Robison, Paden, was elected vice-president.

In the afternoon, the young people played ball, and the "pros" pitched horseshoes, with B.C. Robison and his son-in-law Tim Lakins, Paden, winning the \$10 prize.

Ginger Randall, Pauline's granddaughter, won a cash prize for traveling the farthest - Washington state.

Gary Langston, with guitar, and Margie Whitehouse, both of Weleetka, sang a medley of songs which everyone enjoyed.

Others present were; Jim and Minnie Tadlock and David, from Davis, OK.; Bud, Floyd and Georgia Hannah, Ratliff City, and Ella, Sarah, and Tara Riggie, Matthew and Rosalva and Angeline Grant, Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Brown, Billings, Ok., and Mr. and Mrs. William B. Grant and Mark, Claremore. Mel and Brick Autry, Dimmitt, Texas, Marie Harjo, Cromwell, Irene Coker, Tulsa, Mrs. Dale Prater Rixby, Lucille Canard Navarro, Glenpool; Cherry Holt, Parker, Arizona; Lila and Tommy Robison, Oklahoma City; Audrey Puerefey, Dallas, Tx; Gladys Posey Broyles, Fairfield, Tx; Bill, Beth, and Bonnie Grimsley, Choctaw, Ok.

Also attending were: Suzanne Johnson, Corpus Christi, TX; Alena

McKellop Joy, Alamogordo, N.Mex.; David Harjo, Nixie Harjo, Betsy Proctor, Louise Proctor, Lucy Scott, and Marcie, all of Wetumka; Rebecca Robison Lindsay, Wewoka, and son Mr. and Mrs. Nolen Robison, Coweta, Pauline Randall and children Togo, Clifton, Regina and Rocky; Mr. and Mrs. Bill King and family, Sonda and Dale; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Robison, all of Henryetta.

Also attending were: Elaine Branch, Tulsa; Charles Broncho, Abbie and Clint, Harbor Harjochee and Tilda Harjochee Scott, Oklahoma City; William Buck, Kellyville. Attending from Paden were: Mr. and Mrs. William Robison, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robison, and Judi with Brian Kessinger, Randal and Tina Robison, Rene, Janice, Rufus, and Phyllis Robison; Betty, Doug and Clayton Robison, Susan and Tim Lakins, Mark and Kelly Robison. From Okemah were: Dorothy Miller, and her daughter, Mary L. Robison and family; Dorothy Edminster, Elizabeth Trickey, Emma Lou Duncan, Amy, Becky, Cheryl Bartosh, Juanita Clingman, Nora Cheek and Wanda Weaver.

From Weleetka: Ron and Kim Barnett, R.J., Chris Joshua, and Tony Langston; Shirley Riley; Lizzie Marshall; Sinah and Louis Birdcreek; Bill and Dorothy Burden, Ginger Randall, Mother Brenda from Washington; Barbara and Tom Olmstead, Matt, Sarah and Tommy Seattles, Mrs. Torres' daughter.



Kristin Taylor

### Creek Student Is Soloist At Graduation Ceremony

Kristin Taylor, daughter of Kenneth and Luanna Taylor of Anaheim, California, was the soloist at her graduation June 13, from Anaheim High School, which was held at the Anaheim Convention Center.

Kristin is the granddaughter of Alice Taylor and the late Hully Taylor of Henryetta, Oklahoma and the granddaughter of Lucinda Robbins of Tahlequah, Oklahoma and of Mike Vann of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



# Chief Joseph - Legendary Leader and Visionary of the Nez Perce Indians

By Jessie Robison

"Chief Joseph", an Indian known to white people as "Chief Joseph" is the outstanding personality in the history of the Nez Perce. Indeed, he may be said to have rescued this tribe from oblivion by skilled leadership in an unsuccessful war with the United States. He won the first skirmish, but from then until the end was in full retreat. The retreat is what intrigues us, the wonder being that he had military genius enough to escape annihilation.

The date of his birth is uncertain, but he died September 21, 1904. Year 1877 he was a man of maturity, a recognized leader, probably thirty-five years old. He had some education, some knowledge of English and the ways of the white people. In 1863 his people had entered into a treaty by which they agreed to give up roaming about and settle on a reservation near Fort Lapwai.

When it came to a final decision, they were reluctant to move, and temorized until about 1877, when the Indian agent ordered them to comply. A part of the tribe do so, but Joseph's people refused. Joseph himself recommended compliance, but his followers favored resistance.

Trouble was precipitated by a few Indians, killing settlers; in one raid twenty-one whites were massacred. Joseph knew that now war was inevitable, that his people had begun it, nor did he seem reluctant to assume the leadership. To all appearances he was enthusiastically for it. He seemed to be blind to the vast power of the United States government and the relentless way in which it had pursued the Dakota after Custer's defeat. Anyway, his followers were sure they could defeat all the troops sent against them.

Joseph took up a strong position in White Bird Canyon near the Salmon River, in Idaho. On June 6, 1877, a small detachment of United States troops rashly attacked, but were forced to retreat with relatively heavy loss. Joseph's Indians killed all wounded and captives, took their scalps and did the other things Indians regarded as proper.

So Joseph won. The history of Indian fighting shows that after a victory the enemy retreats and both sides consider the affair settled for a time, a least, and go their separate ways, the victors to dance over the scalps.

Perhaps Joseph knew better, but was helpless. On the other hand, he may have been too thoroughly conditioned in his youth to think anything else possible. Anyway, the Indians left their strong position, retiring to the Clear Water River near Kamia, Idaho.

Soon a larger body of troops under General Howard came upon him. Joseph had to give battle, but was outfought. He seemed to have realized that from now on his only chance lay in keeping ahead of the pursuing troops, turning upon advance and scouting parties when he had a chance to overwhelm them. He was well equipped with horses, well armed, and well supplied with ammunition. The whole band was with him - women, children, the aged, the sick, and the wounded. His advantage lay in knowing the country and how to live by game killed on the way.

Joseph headed for Yellowstone Park, passing through it, his men killed a party of tourists, then turned toward Montana. There were several battles between Joseph's rear guards and outriders from Howard's troops, but nothing decisive, except that every loss to the Indians, was Howard's gain.

Just west of Billings, Montana, General Sturgis, in charge of the cavalry, caught up with Joseph, but he escaped in flight. Joseph planned to reach the Musselshell River and if still pursued, to continue north into Canada. As usual Howard had with him a body of Indian scouts who, in one way or another, got information as to Joseph's plans.

**"Hear me my Chiefs. I am tired. My heart is sick and sad. From where the Sun now stands, I will fight no more...forever."**

It so happened that near what is now Miles City, Montana was a body of troops under General Miles, he ordered to intercept the Indians. So when Joseph and his weary followers reached a point near the Bear Paw Mountains, south of the town of Chenook on Milk River, he found a new army blocking his way. General Howard was close upon his heels, so at last Joseph found himself in a trap. In fact General Miles surprised him, rushed his camp and captured most of his horses. Yet the Indians dug rifle pits and prepared to fight.

Neither Howard or Miles wished to exterminate his band, so they gave Joseph time to consider a surrender. His final speech is recorded as follows:

"I am tired of fighting - our Chiefs are killed. Looking Glass is dead, Toohulhulsoe is dead. The old men are all dead. It is the young men who say yes or no. He who led the young men is dead. It is cold and we have no blankets. The little children are freezing

to death. I want to have time to look for my children, some of them have run away to the hills, and have no blankets, no food, maybe I find them among the dead. Hear me, My Chiefs. I am tired. My heart is sick and sad. From where the Sun now stands I will fight no more forever."

Joseph had made a masterly retreat of about one thousand miles. Yet he was doomed from the start. Had he entered Canada, his fate would not have been improved, for that country had enough Indians on its hand. After surrendering, he was not permitted to return to the reservation he refused in 1877, but was carried to Oklahoma as a prisoner of war. Some of his party were returned to the reservation, but after many years, Joseph and his most faithful followers were sent to the Colville Reservation in Washington, where he died in 1904.

## Alabama-Coushatta Tribe Sues Attorney General of Texas

The Alabama-Coushatta Indian tribe of Texas has sued the Attorney General of Texas. **Alabama Coushatta Indian Tribe vs. Mattox** was filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas on July 13, 1984.

The suit challenges a recent opinion by Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox, holding, that as a result of a 1954 Act of Congress, which terminated federal supervision of the Tribe and transferred the federal trust responsibilities to the state of Texas, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe no longer exists and its land no longer constitutes an Indian Reservation.

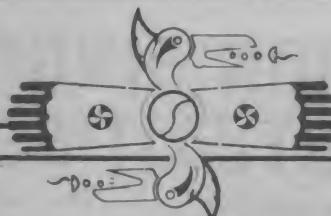
In addition, the opinion held that the trust responsibility Texas has assumed from Congress under the 1954 Act violated the Equal Rights Amendment to the Texas Constitution.

As a result of that opinion, other Texas agencies have begun to impose state taxes on Reservation oil and gas development.

The tribe, which resides on a 4,300 acre reservation 90 miles northeast of Houston, is particularly concerned that the opinion will be used to remove restrictions from the Reservation land itself, which dates from a 1854 Act of the Texas Legislature. Noting that the members of the tribe are all full-blood Indians who speak, as their first language, the Alabama and Coushatta dialects of the Creek language, Attorney Don Miller of the Native American Rights Fund stated: "Mattox's opinion is particularly offensive because it renounces solemn obligations made by Texas to the tribe in 1854 and reaffirms by Texas to both the Tribe and Congress in 1954."



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## Creek Nation Retrieves Old Eufaula Dormitory

By Helen Chalakee

After being forced to compromise on the future of our Indian youth for over 70 years caused by the dissolution of the old Creek tribal government virtually abolishing our tribal education system, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation recently contracted the management and supervision of one of our oldest educational institutions, the Eufaula Boarding School. The school had been under the supervision of the Bureau of Indian Affairs since 1907.

Principal Chief Cox stated his concern of the repeated closings of numerous Indian schools operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs over the past few years. "We simply could not stand by and watch this happen to the Eufaula Boarding School," he said. "Over the past two years, through the Indian Self-Determination Act, we have contracted nearly every service the Bureau was operating within the Creek Nation. Our success has been tremendous. Administrative costs have been cut. More actual service is getting out to the people. This is due to diminishing service overlap caused by the BIA and the tribe supplying the same service," he explained.

"We have a Human Development Division within our government and the education programs are included in this Division. The Creeks were the first tribe to contract the BIA Higher Education Program, and again we are the first tribe in Oklahoma to contract and educational institution," Chief Cox said.

"Eufaula Boarding School had been operated by the Bureau for over half a century with very little input from Creek Nation. With the re-establishment of our tribal government, we now have a stronghold over situations such as this," Chief said.

Mark Downing, Director of Human Development, said, "It is very important to us, and in our best interest to look after the needs of our youth. To make sure they are receiving optimum attention and care. The best

way to do this is on a continual basis through day-to-day operational supervision."

"Indian children have the same intellectual abilities as the non-Indian children. But, it is impossible to expect Indian children to become well educated if they are ill housed or suffer from ill health," Downing continued.

"We have an ideal situation for the Creek Nation Boarding School, not only are we providing them with the care and attention of their special needs; we are only minutes away from health services for them at the Creek Nation Eufaula Indian Health Clinic," he added.

"We have staffed professional Indian educators who will evaluate projects carried out through both federal and public school programs, we will then determine what is best on an individual basis for the children," Downing continued.

"The family and home are the basic key educational support influences in the life of any child, Indian and non-Indian. In our case, the Creek Nation Boarding School is the home, and family. Therefore, it is our responsibility to nurture this support by increasing the holding power for our youth to stay in school. Improving the holding power is directly related to improving the overall quality of Creek Nation Boarding School," he said.

### See related feature story on CN Boarding School, Pg 5.

"We are unique, in that, CN Boarding School students attend classes at Eufaula Public School. So as any good parent, we have to be responsive to the needs of the surrounding community, the school system and our students. Our relationship with the Eufaula Public Schools is important to the success of their school, our students attending their school and our Boarding School," Downing concluded.

## CN Bingo Hall to Open November 17

By Helen Chalakee

The Creek Nation Bingo Hall in Tulsa will officially open November 17, according to Indian Country U.S.A., a South Dakota Corporation contracted by the Creek Nation to manage the facility.

Chief Cox commented on the operational start-up of the Hall saying, "This is a great opportunity for the tribe to secure an economic base without a capital investment." He added, "All the

tribe is supplying is 15 acres of land for the facility to be constructed on. Indian Country has invested the building and operational management costs. Creek Nation will purchase the building out of future profits and eventually will own the Bingo Hall."

A Gaming Commissioner, William Foster, has been appointed by the Creek Nation to oversee the

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Principal Chief Cox and CN Finance Director David Bryant (right) proudly display a recent award to Creek Nation recognizing the tribe's abilities in financial conformance. The finance portion of tribal government is under the supervision of Executive Director Gary Breashears (left).

## CN Financial Reporting is Awarded Highest Recognition of Conformance

Principal Chief Claude Cox announced that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has been awarded the highest financial conformance reporting award in the nation for the third consecutive year.

The Certificate of Conformance in Financial Reporting was awarded to the tribe by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1983.

The Certificate of Conformance is the highest form of recognition in the area of government accounting and financial reporting, its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government or public employee retirement system (PERS) and its management.

By being awarded a Certificate of Conformance, the comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) of a government or PERS has been judged to substantially conform to the programs high standards of excellence. Such standards encompass both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

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demonstrate a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" effort to clearly communicate its financial story, enhance understanding of the logic underlying the traditional governmental financial reporting model and motivate persons and groups in society to read and use the CAFR.

Eligible CAFR's are evaluated by an impartial Special Review Committee composed of government or PERS finance officers, independent certified public accountants, educators and others with particular expertise in governmental accounting and financial reporting.

When a Certificate of Conformance is awarded to a government or PERS, an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement is also presented to the individuals designated by the government or PERS as primarily responsible for its having earned the certificate. Principal Chief Cox stressed the team effort involved in receiving the award, "It is through the teamwork of all the employees of the Creek Nation that makes it possible for us to receive awards such as this." David Bryant, Director of Finance at Creek Nation, received recognition by Chief Cox for his department's efforts in receiving the Financial Conformance Reporting Award.



## Bids To Be Accepted By CN Housing Authority

Bids will be accepted by the Creek Nation Housing Authority, P.O. Box 297, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447. For the following vehicles: For sale as is: 1 - 1978 150 Styleside Pickup s/n F15HLCA 9253 with LP gas fuel system and 80 gal. fuel tank, also with A.C., Radio, Automatic transmission will need transmission repair. 1 - 1978 Ford 150 Styleside Pickup s/n F155 SLCA 9255, with LP. Gas fuel system and 50 gal. fuel tank, also with A.C., Radio, automatic transmission, will need front end repair.

Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 25, 1984 at the Creek Nation Housing Authority Office Building, Hwy 75 and Loop 56 Okmulgee, Ok. The accepted bidder will remove vehicle by 1:00 p.m. on Thursday Oct. 25, 1984. Payment will be by check.



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operation.

Foster will implement the regulations and guidelines established by tribal ordinance NCA 84-04. He will issue Indian Country U.S.A. a tribal bingo license.

David and Peter Ingenito have been employed as facility managers. "The strictest standards of honesty will be followed. In addition to rigid professional standards and published rules, three people are selected from the audience to sit on stage as observers of every game," David said.

"Basic admission is \$20. This provides players with a full evening of bingo, including 'Early Bird Cards', 'All-Night Cards', 'Do-It-Yourself Bingo' Super Jackpots' and 'Late Game Specials'. The 'Double Prize Package' admission is \$30, and pays double the prize on all winnings," he added.

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.-Monday through Saturday. Warm-Up Games start at 6:00 p.m., and are not included in the price of admissions. A total of \$12,000 to \$20,000 in CASH PRIZES will be awarded on a typical night.

The 'Do-It-Yourself Jackpot' starts at \$10,000 and grows a minimum of \$1,000 per night with an additional \$1,000 paid in consolation prizes awarded nightly.

The Bingo Hall is located 1/4 mile west of O.R.U. on 81st Street, two blocks west of Lewis. The facility is 27,000 sq. ft. and has a seating capacity for 1,200 players. No alcoholic beverages will be served or allowed on premises. Minors under 18 will not be admitted without a parent or guardian.

## CHR Program Funding Uncertain for FY'85

In response to communities of the Creek Nation request for additional Community Health Representative (CHR) services, James Floyd, Director of the CN Division of Community Services, announced today that the status of that program for this year is uncertain due to a lower level of funding than in previous years. "On a federal level, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has failed to budget any CHR program nationwide, for the last two years, and this has had an adverse effect upon our level of CHR services. We have had to use all available money to just maintain a minimum level of service."

In an effort to provide a realistic picture of the situation, Floyd is meeting with the communities to explain why additional CHR services are not available for their area. In the meantime, he is seeking a Resolution of Support from the Muscogee National Council as well as working at the state Congressional level for further support of the program. "We will try to continue to provide the best possible service we can with the funds that are available," he concluded.

## New CN Head Start In Sapulpa

Attention 3-5 year olds in the Sapulpa area! The Creek Nation Head Start is currently taking applications for the Sapulpa Head Start at the Sapulpa Indian Health Clinic. Each applicant must supply CDIB, proof of income, immunization record, and birth certificate. The clinic is located at 1125 East Cleveland in Sapulpa. Ask for Vicki at 224-9310 or Janet Lee at 756-8700. Classes are projected to start by November 19.

## CREEK NATION BINGO JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The following job descriptions will be needed to employ the Creek Nation Bingo. Approximately 125 positions will be filled. Applications will be available October 25 (Thursday), 26 (Friday) and 27 (Saturday), from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Bingo facility site located on the East Bank of the Arkansas River in Tulsa. Off South Lewis, (across from O.R.U.), follow 81st Street approximately two blocks west, past the low-water crossing. As you arrive at the end of 81st, directives will be posted for you to follow onto the site.

Interviews will be conducted the same day you submit your application. So come prepared to be interviewed shortly after you hand in your application. All positions are Indian Preference. Be sure to bring a photo-copy (zerox) of your Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (C.D.I.B) card. Your plastic encased card will not be accepted. Have a copy of your card already made when you arrive because it will be attached to your application and will not be returned. A copying machine will not be available at the Bingo site. If you have a resume' (work record) bring it with you, also.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (October 29-30-31) of the following week, selected applicants will be notified and interviewed again. Employment will begin Monday, November 12, which will start a one-week training period before the November 17 opening. YOU WILL BE EMPLOYED BY INDIAN COUNTRY U.S.A., NOT THE CREEK NATION. No phone calls will be accepted about positions-applicants must be there in person!

### CLERK AND PULL TABS SALES

Sells bingo cards, paper and pull tabs to customers. Verify winning bingo numbers with caller, collect winnings and pay to customer. Cash handling experience required. Waitress or sales experience a plus. Strong clear voice a must.

### CALLER

Strong, clear voice needed to call bingo games, verify winners and make announcements. Individual creates and directs atmosphere of games. Public speaking or announcer experience required. Extravert personality a plus.

### PAYMASTER

Record bingo winners, pay prizes, tally total amount of winnings paid out and balance at end of evening. Responsible for large amounts of cash. Conscientious and detail minded individual with teller or cashier experience required.

### BOARD CHANGER

Assist players with exchange of bingo boards, collects and verifies boards at end of session. This position requires standing on feet during shift. Must have pleasant personality and enjoy working with people. No experience necessary.

### CASHIER

Cashier to work at cafeteria style snack bar. Previous cashiering experience helpful, but willing to train. Must be able to get food handling card from board of health.

### SNACK BAR COUNTER HELP

Serve customers through cafeteria style line as well as fill orders from waitresses at service bar. Must enjoy working with people, work well under pressure, and be able to stand for extended periods of time. Previous food related experience helpful but willing to train. Must be able to obtain food handling card from board of health.

### SHORT ORDER COOK/PREP PERSONS

Previous fast food cooking and/or food preparation experience needed. Must be able to work as part of team in a hectic atmosphere. Must be able to obtain food handlers card from board of health.

### GENERAL NIGHT MAINTENANCE/ CUSTODIAN

Males and females needed. Must be willing and able to do various light maintenance and custodial work.

### RECEPTIONIST

Must have excellent telephone and typing skills one year experience preferred. DAY POSITION.

### PACK BUILDERS

Need energetic individuals to coalesce bingo playing packages during morning and afternoon hours. Must be able to work as part as a team. Moderate lifting involved. Will train.

### GENERAL DAY MAINTENANCE

Must be familiar and be responsible for all aspects of physical plant and maintenance. Handy-man type of job. Gardening experience a plus. DAY POSITION.

### CHIP ROOM CASHIER

Previous cashiering and sales experience required. Self motivated person who enjoys working on their own and has the ability to take inventory and maintain stock. Responsible for selling bingo related playing items and bingo souveniers.

### WAITRESS/WAITER

Serve dinners as well as fast food items, snacks and beverages to patrons in assigned sections during bingo session. Must be energetic person, have neat appearance and enjoy working with people. Previous experience helpful but willing to train. Must be able to obtain food handling card from board of health.

### ADMISSIONS

Greet customers, collect admission fee and answer general questions concerning bingo games. Responsible for large sums of money. Pleasant personality and cash handling experience required.

### MONEY ROOM

Audit and balance receipts of all sales clerks. Teller experience or heavy cashiering experience required. Responsible for large sums of money, must be bondable. Position requires individuals able to work as part of a team in a hectic and fast paced atmosphere.

## BINGO SECURITY GUARD POSITIONS

Security guards for the Creek Nation Bingo Hall will be interviewed the same date and time as the above. Both armed and unarmed guards will be necessary, as well as both males and females. Security personnel will not be direct employees of Creek Nation Bingo or Indian Country U.S.A. A private firm will furnish all security needs at the Bingo Hall.

## Four New Elderly Nutrition Sites Planned by Community Development

By Kathryn Bell

A two-part program involving Elderly Nutrition sites and Social Welfare Assistance will be implemented by the Office of Community Research and Development, according to Steve Wilson, Manager.

Legislation enabling the implementation of four new Elderly Nutrition sites in Creek Nation and funds for Social Welfare Assistance for the elderly was passed unanimously in the October session of the Muscogee National Council.

Manager Steve Wilson commented on the changing of the age requirement for the programs benefitting the elderly, from age fifty to sixty. "I feel this change is positive because it gives us an opportunity to serve more elderly citizens of Creek Nation."

The four new Elderly Nutrition sites will be located in Wetumka, Weleetka, Dewar, and Coweta. The original site is at Okmulgee. These sites will be funded by tribal judgement funds and federal funds (Administration on Aging), and will provide hot meals five times a week to the elderly. An estimated 285-300 elderly will benefit from this program daily, said Wilson. "In working with the available money provided by the tribal judgement funds, I believe that this will give the elderly an opportunity to see services performed daily from a program such as Elderly Nutrition that would benefit them socially and health-wise. The last tribal judgement funds were distributed through per capita."



### Creek Student Angela Eufurd Listed on O.U. Honor Roll

Angela Rae Eufurd, daughter of Ronnie and Arlene Eufurd of Beggs, was among those that were listed on the University of Oklahoma's Norman campus Honor Roll recently, in the College of Engineering and College of Environmental De 30

Angie is a Sophomore majoring in Business Management.

Maternal grandparents are the late Walter Factor and Lucille Webb of Tulsa. Paternal grandparents are Jack and Edith Eufurd of Huntington, Arkansas.

The Social Welfare Assistance Program for the elderly, will provide assistance in the following areas:

**A. Seasonal Utility Assistance**- The primary heating source will be paid with a maximum of \$150 per family application. Elderly needing assistance next summer with their electric bill will be assisted with a maximum of \$60 per family application. **B. Weather Related Crisis**- assist with repairs caused by weather (tornadoes, floods, fires, etc.) with a maximum of \$150. **C. Medicines**- To assist in paying for medicines not readily available at IHS or Creek Nation facilities with a maximum of \$150. **D. Health Related Equipment**- to assist with equipment not immediately available, such as oxygen equipment, wheel chairs, etc. with a maximum of \$150.

The eligibility criteria for these programs benefitting Creek elderly include; applicant must be an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) tribe by blood and who is 60 years or older, verified by a certified tribal enrollment card.

The date for making application for welfare assistance will be October 29. The staff of the Community Research and Development Administration will be in the communities of Creek Nation to take applications for heating bills. However, applications will be taken at the Complex daily for those needing to apply during regular office hours. Contact Steve Wilson's office.

Applications will be taken at the following community sites: October 29-Sapulpa Clinic-9-12; October 29-Glenpool Trailor-1-4p.m; October 30-Holdenville Senior Citizen Center-10-2:30 p.m.; October 31-Eufaula Manpower Office-9-12; October 31-Checotah Low Rent Housing-1-4 p.m.; November 1-Bristow Mutteloke-9-12 p.m.; November 1-Kellyville Trailor-1:30-4 p.m.; November 5-Okemah Hospital-8-5 p.m.; November 5-Hanna Hillabee Church-9-3 p.m.; November 6-Wetumka Center-9-4 p.m.; November 7-Weleetka Center-9-12; November 7-Dustin City Hall-1-4 p.m.; November 8-Coweta Center-9-12; November 8-Muskogee Fife Methodist-1:30-4 p.m.; November 12-Dewar Center-9-12; November 12-Ryal Center- 1:30-4 p.m.; and November 13-Tulsa Coalition-9-3 p.m.

### Word Seminar/Revival Scheduled For Tulsa

A Word Seminar and Revival will be held November 4-10, beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly at the Living Word Fellowship and Indian Outreach Center located at 1534 E. Third in Tulsa.

Pastor Steve Shell invites everyone to come and fellowship in the Word of God through Spirit-filled Ministers of the Gospel.

Scheduled speakers are: Nov. 4, Charlie Hicks of Tulsa; Nov. 5, William Shell of Gore, Ok.; Nov. 7, Guy Evans of Broken Arrow; and Nov. 9-10, Fred Williams of Pawnee. There will be special singing and lots of praise and worship!

For more information contact Pastor Shell at 918/663-4113.



Principal Chief Cox gives Ron Froman a farewell handshake as Froman leaves the position of Creek Nation Housing Authority Executive Director for that of Finance Director for the O.S.U. Athletic Department.

## CN Housing Authority Director Leaves Post For OSU Position

By Helen Chalakee

In 1977, Ron Froman came to Creek Nation Housing Authority as a private accountant and later assumed a 90 day directorship. That temporary position extended into 12 years of service as the Authority's Executive Director. Froman sentimentally expressed his feelings about the 12 years as . . . "an absolutely terrific experience."

Recently Froman resigned from the top Housing Authority position to accept another as Business Manager for the Oklahoma State University Athletic Department. "How lucky can a guy get - to work for the greatest Indian tribe in U.S., and then, the greatest college in the Country!" he exclaimed.

"When you give the keys to a new home to a mother with small children, and you're not touched - then there is something wrong with you," he related. "The most satisfying part of my work here has been with the many friends I have made," he reminisced.

"To help Indian people out of sub-

### LETTERS . . .

#### DEAR MNN:

I know this is a small donation, but if everyone that reads Jesse's condition would send even \$5, it could help so much. The Muscogee Nation News is an asset to all Creek people. Helping one another is what makes a great tribe.

#### BLESSINGS, SARAH M. BAKER

NOTE: The family of Jesse Wood wishes to thank Mrs. Baker for her gift of love and all of those who sent or dropped by donations for the family.

#### DEAR EDITOR:

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#### ETHEL COLEMAN TORRES

#### CORRECTION

In last month's issue of the Muscogee Nation News, a misprint was made on the date of the Butler Indian Baptist Singing, the correct date was October 6.

standard living conditions, into new homes - and just being able to work in Indian affairs, makes me forever beholden to the Creek Tribe and to Chief Cox," he said.

Froman, who is of Peoria-Miami heritage, said the Creek Tribe had been very good to him. But, the real pleasure was working for a man who he considered to be the finest Indian leader every produced in the state of Oklahoma, Claude Cox. "If you can find another tribal leader who has accomplished more for their tribe than Chief Cox, I want to know who it is," he insisted.

In 1974, Froman was very influential in working with the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation to sponsor an amendment to the Housing Committee Development Act, creating the setting aside of funds for Indian Housing. In 12 years, the construction of approximately 2,000 homes developed under the direction of Froman.

Froman said the biggest disappointment for him was the 1981 Cochran-Udall Bill not passing. "We got it through committee, but it never made it to either House," he said. Froman had initiated the legislation which would have Indian Housing Authorities to build for everyone, respective of income level. He added, "The Indian Housing Authorities have been targeted for termination by the federal government for the past four years, it's going to get tougher and tougher."

On a recent visit to Creek Nation, the Director of the Office of Indian Programs for HUD, Hugh Ed Johnson, said of Froman, "Due to the fact that Froman was here from the inception of Indian Housing, his input and contributions have been immeasurable. Johnson went on to say that the Creek Nation Housing Authority is considered one of the largest in the Country and Froman is one of the most technically proficient persons in the United States pertaining to the Indian Housing Program.

Even though, Froman and his wife Wanda will be living in Stillwater, they have both expressed their concern to be very active in the Creek tribe.



# Blood Drive is Successful Thanks to CN Employees

By Kathryn Bell

Thanks to the caring attitude of Creek Nation employees, the September 28 Blood Drive for Jesse Wood was a success.

The American Red Cross Drive, sponsored by Creek Nation, was held at the Mound Building from noon until 4:15 p.m. with 30 people donating blood which was pledged to Jesse Wood, a 17-year old Creek youth in critical condition at the City of Faith Hospital with a broken neck and internal injuries received in a July 14 diving accident.

The thirty donors were also screened for Diego b negative, a rare blood factor found in American Indians. The screening was part of a special blood screening program of the Tulsa Chapter of the American Red Cross, who brought their Blood Mobile and canteen to Creek Nation.

Mrs. Francis Wood, Jesse's mother, expressed her gratitude to the donors, who pledged blood in her son's name. "I would like to thank all of you who donated blood in Jesse's name and to those who sent donations and cards and for your prayers."

In the September issue of MNN, an article was done on Jesse, detailing his accident and progress. At that time he had undergone nine operations for a broken neck and internal injuries. As a result of these injuries, an operation was done to remove three-fourths of his stomach. He was and is still respirator-dependent, and required over 40 units of blood and blood products. Currently Jesse's condition is still critical and he faces two more operations on his back and stomach.

Presently hindering plans to transfer Jesse to a hospital with facilities for specialized equipment and techniques that will enable him to learn to live as normally as possible with his injuries, is the fact that most hospitals (none in-state) will take a patient that is on a respirator. Jesse's placement in a rehabilitative facility is compounded in that the state will not pay for out-of-state care. However the Creek County Department of Human Services (DHS) and the office of Representative James R. Jones are working on the Wood case to get the necessary State welfare funds to place Jesse in either a hospital in Kansas or Texas that has facilities for respirator-dependent quadriplegics. Jesse's application has been submitted to the Medical Evaluation unit of the state DHS in Oklahoma City for review.

Although the prognosis is dim for Jesse's complete recovery, Mrs. Wood and Jesse's doctors still hope for the possibility that when all of the swelling recedes from his neck area (which is a lengthy process) the paralysis may move down to a point past Jesse's lungs, which would enable him to breathe on his own - "This is what we have been praying for - If he can just get off that respirator and breathe on his own," said Mrs. Wood in concern.

The toll of the ordeal has resulted in Mrs. Wood's hospitalization due to complications of her diabetic condition and exhaustion. In spite of what she call a "nightmare," Mrs. Wood is ever hopeful for her son's improvement and takes joy in the smallest progress - "Jesse has learned

to swallow and he ate for the first time the other night - pistachio pudding!" she said in excitement, adding, "he can only take a few bites at a time, but he is thrilled that he can eat solid food again." Jesse has been sustained by the Total Parental Nutrition System (TPN).

The financial drain on the Wood family, as reported in the MNN article on Jesse last month, is a constant source of stress for the Woods, particularly since Mrs. Wood is the sole support of Jesse and two children at home. If you can help with donations, please send them or contact the Creek Nation Communication Dept. at P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee OK 74447 or call (918) 756-8700, extension 327.

At this writing, the Creek people have responded generously with their contributions. Mrs. Wood and the Communications Dept. wish to thank each of you who gave and who sent cards and letters of encouragement to Jesse. You will never fully realize how much your giving has helped the Wood family in their hour of need. MNN plans to print the names of those who responded with contributions to the family on a later issue of the newspaper. Thank You!



The family of Jesse Wood and Creek Nation Communications would like to thank those who generously responded to the Blood Drive pledged to Jesse Wood by giving the "Gift of Life". Of the 36 people, the majority of which were CN employees, who signed up to be donors, 30 of these donated. The remaining six were deferred for medical reasons. Those giving were: Steve Wilson, Steven Landsberry, Lisa Sanders, Jimmy "Bunny" Hill, Emma "Nugie" Bruner, Patsy Pigeon, Ronald Barnett, Wanda Froman, Ronald Scott, Craig Mosquito, Smiley Barnett, Rachel Thomas, Betty Bunny, Pat Bunner, Dicey Taryole, Bernice Watson, Janice Bigpond, Kathy Brown, Gary Robinson, Anita Tecumseh, Kathryn Bell, Norman Harjo, Walter Jones Jr., Jack Landsberry, Geneva Cantero, Karen Rider, Diana Beasley, Judy Hite, Joy Harris, and Charles Scott.

Those who signed up, but deferred for medical reasons (and whose efforts were very much appreciated nonetheless) were: Vickie Watashe, Gina Burgess, Joanna Thomas, Helen Chalakee, Joe Washington and Roy Roberts.

We wish to thank those also, who knew they were not able to donate blood and who gave monetary contributions. Special thanks to those contributors and those who worked at the Bloodmobile; Alice Hess, Mary Hobia-Registration; Pat Frank and Jane Cantero-Assisting nurses; Jerrie On-The-Hill, Pat Morgan and Anita Checotah-Canteen. The CN Maintenance Dept. is also thanked for assisting in the set up of the Bloodmobile. THANKS!



Kathryn Bell of the Creek Nation Communication Department is shown cheerfully giving blood at the recent blood drive held at the Tribal Complex. Ms. Bell was the coordinator for the drive. All donations were made in the name of Jesse Woods, a Creek student injured in a swimming accident.

## DIEGO B NEGATIVE RARE BLOOD FACTOR FOR AMERICAN INDIANS

During the September 28 Blood Drive, donors were screened for a rare blood factor found in American Indians and Asiatics, known as Diego B Negative. This blood factor has been identified in six Indian people nation-wide, with four of the donors found in Oklahoma, according to Martha Crow, Supervisor of the Reference Lab at the Tulsa Chapter of the American Red Cross. Ms. Crow explained the importance of the screening program for the rare blood factor - "If anyone who is Diego B Negative and has the antibody, anti-Diego B Negative, the identified group of donors will supply blood for transfusions." Ms. Crow cited an instance where the National Rare Blood Registry contacted the Tulsa Chapter with a request for six units of the rare blood for a woman from Peru who was in a Washington, D.C. hospital in critical condition with a subdural hemorrhage - "as you can see it is very important that you are screened for this rare blood factor if you are an American Indian." The donors at the Creek Nation Blood Drive will be notified by mail if they have this rare blood factor within a few weeks. Their names will be entered into an international blood file.



## "HARRIS" Indians Becoming Sophisticated . . .

LaDonna Harris, the Comanche Indian woman who heads Americans for Indian Opportunity, a Washington-based advocacy group, told a New York Times reporter the Indian movement in the United States is "undergoing significant change. One of the biggest over the past 20 years is the level of sophistication in the Indian community," she said.

"Children are coming back from college with political science degrees. There are more people with credentials and expertise. And we have a whole new generation of people coming in who know how to make the institutions work for them."

The Times published a feature story September 25 about Ms. Harris who divides her time between Capitol Hill lobbying for health, human services and environmental measures affecting Indians and out on reservations, organizing meetings at which federal and state officials discuss problems with tribal leaders.

Ms. Harris said we take the President's message about dealing with tribes on a government-to-government basis and "are interpreting it back to them, and it's working out pretty well."

### Creek Student Accidentally Injured

Richard Conner, 16 year-old Creek student at Glenpool High School was recently injured in an accident which has left him near total paralysis. He is currently in the ICU at St. John Hospital in Tulsa.

Richard's family said his attitude is very hopeful toward complete recovery. Card and letters of encouragement to him may be sent to the hospital.

Richard is the son of Etta Conner, Administrative Assistant to Principal Chief Cox.



# OBITUARIES

## CLEMON GILROY

Services for Clemon Gilroy, 70 of Henryetta were held September 24 at the Shurden Chapel with the Rev. Ron Black officiating the service.

Mr. Gilroy was born April 14, 1914 in Konawa and died Thursday at the Henryetta Medical Center. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Arbeka Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Hepsey Gilroy, two sons Charles Gilroy of Ft. Smith and Harvey Gilroy of Henryetta; two daughters, Wanda Morrison of California and Norma Sue Jimmerson of California; three sisters, Vesta Fisher and Elizabeth Sellers both of Beggs and Mary Moore of Beeville, Tx., ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## CHRISTINE LEAH WACOCHE

Lori and Melvin Wacoche of Okmulgee announce the birth of their daughter, Christine Leah, born September 27. Christine weighed in at 8 lbs. and 6 oz. Paternal grandparents are James and Lena Wacoche of Porum and maternal grandparents are Robert and Lucy Tarango, of Los Angeles, Ca.

## SAMUEL FIXICO

Funeral services were held for Samuel Fixico, 41, on October 5 at the Arbeka Indian Baptist Church.

Mr. Fixico, 306 E. Trudgeon, Henryetta, died Oct. 1 in Davenport, Ok. He was born May 28, 1943 in Weleetka and was chief engineer for VMV Redbird. He was a member of 100F Lodge 620 Stigler Encampment, and Rebekah Lodge 171 of Dewar. He served in the U.S. Air Force in Vietnam and married Florence Glaser, Oct. 21, 1978 in Henryetta.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Florence Fixico of the home, a stepson, Glen Allen Pepper, of the home a son, Samuel Fixico Jr., of Henderson, Nv. three daughters, Geraldine Fixico of Oraibi, Az., Brandy and Ruby Fixico both of Henderson, Nv., three brothers, Mitchell Whitaker, Weleetka, Jimmy Fixico, Wisalla, Ak. and Andrew Fixico, Houston, Tx. and one sister, Edna Sanders of Davenport, Ok.

## WYSENA BUCKTROT

Funeral services for Wysena Madison Bucktrot, 91, were conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the Mutteloke Indian Methodist Church. Rev. Roy Bigpond and Rev. Joe Wilson officiated.

Interment was in the Bucktrot family cemetery under the direction of Schumacher Funeral Home of Bristow.

Mr. Bucktrot was born May 22, 1893 in Kellyville, I.T. He died Oct. 7 in an Okemah hospital. He was a veteran of World War I, was a retired telephone lineman, oilfield worker, and was retired from the Frisco Railroad Co. in the 1940's and was the oldest living Euchee Indian. He had lived in the Bristow area all of his life and was a member of the Mutteloke Indian Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Wade Bucktrot Sr., and Alvin Lee Bucktrot Sr., both of Bristow, five daughters, Phoebe Jones, and Alice Wheeler, Bristow, Susanna Wilson, Haskell, Ruth Crittenden, Stilwell, and Hazel Tiger, Cromwell; 27 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren.

## RAIFORD WATSON

Raiford Watson was born to Effie Raiford and Eddie Watson in Dustin, Oklahoma on March 1, 1924. Raiford attended schools at Euchie and Haskell but resided in Oklahoma until he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp in 1941. After being discharged he wed Gwen Jolyn Riley and resided on Tiger Mountain, in Henryetta, Ok.

In 1957, he moved his wife and four children to Hawthorne, Ca. and resided there for fourteen years. After which he moved to Gardena and lived there. He was employed by Richardson and Holland of Gardena for twenty-six years.

Some of his favorite activities were attending church functions and singings, watching sports activities, fishing, hunting and having bar-b-ques with friends and relatives.

Haggai Indian Missionary Baptist Church was one of the first churches he attended, and afterwards he attended other Indian churches throughout the Los Angeles area. His last active church participation was Muscogee Mission of Bell.

Raiford will be best remembered for his support of church activities and community functions, his cheerful attitude when greeting both friends and strangers and lastly his ability to always be on time.

He is survived by his wife, Gwendolyn, two sons, Eugene Ray of LaHabra and Raiford Jr. of Gardena, one daughter, Patricia Ann of Gardena, two grandchildren, Jolene and Amanda of LaHabra, one brother, Adriane, of Depew, Ok. and one sister, Hanna Allen of Bristow, Oklahoma.



## TINA MARIE TIGER

Funeral services were conducted Monday, October 8, at Little Cussetah Baptist Church with Rev. Solomon Bullitt and Rev. Jonas Partridge officiating the service.

Ms. Tiger was born October 28, 1966 at Claremore. She was a life-long Sapulpa resident and attended Sapulpa schools.

She is survived by one son, Joshua VanWoudenberg of the home; one daughter, Amy Tiger of the home; father Bobby Joe Tiger of Sapulpa; mother, Josephine Bevenue Tiger of Glenpool; brother, Bobby J. Tiger Jr. of Sapulpa; sisters Kathy and Tracy Tiger of Glenpool; half-sister Shelly Richardson of Kellyville; grandparents, Wiley and Marie Jack of Sapulpa and Alfred Bevenue of Okmulgee.

## ROBIN KIMBERLY TIGER

Funeral services were held Monday, October 8, at Little Cussetah Baptist Church for Robin Kimberly Tiger. Ms. Tiger was born May 15, 1963 in Claremore. She lived in Sapulpa all her life and attended Sapulpa schools.

Both Robin and her sister Tina were victims of drowning after a car accident at Sahoma Lake.

Robin is survived by one son, Tracey King of Sapulpa; father Bobby Joe Tiger of Sapulpa; mother Josephine Bevenue Tiger of Glenpool; brother Bobby Tiger Jr. of Sapulpa; sisters Kathy and Tracy Tiger of Glenpool; half-sister, Shelly Richardson of Kellyville; grandparents, Wiley and Marie Jack of Sapulpa and Alfred Bevenue of Okmulgee.



HUD officials, Charles Ming (left) and Hugh Johnson (right) presented Chief Cox with a \$500,000 grant recently to rehabilitate substandard homes in McIntosh and Hughes Counties. The rehab will begin in December. Applications are now being taken by the Rehab Program.

## Tribal Food Distribution Programs Voice Concern Over USDA Regulation Changes

By Kathryn Bell

Meeting with the Regional Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) in Dallas recently, James Floyd, Director of the Division of Community Services, was among other Oklahoma tribes and organizations who wanted their concerns heard in regard to the operation of their Food Distribution Programs.

Director Floyd stated the purpose of the meeting was to present and discuss position papers from the tribal Food Distribution programs on the problem areas that all of the programs are facing - "The major problem we have with the USDA on the Food Distribution programs is the 25% matching funds the USDA requires the tribes to have in the implementation of their programs. Some of the tribes cannot come up with that amount and it represents a major problem. We are fortunate with our Food Distribution program in that the Muscogee National Council passed a Tribal Funds bill. This provided us with the funds to supply the 25% match," said Floyd. He added that the program, in its third year of operation, will operate 100% for the year.

Citing other problem areas the Oklahoma tribes have with the operation of their Food Distribution Programs, Floyd said, "What we hope to achieve is for the USDA to review our position papers and correct the following problem areas: funding levels for tribal Food Distribution programs, the 25% matching funds required by USDA, lack of communication between USDA and the tribes, non-tribal input into selection of food items and we want them (USDA) to address the problem of warehousing of food and its distribution."

The position papers to the USDA have been forwarded to the Board of Directors of the National Tribal Chairman's Association and a Resolution of Support was presented to the Intertribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes at their first quarterly

meeting held this month, explained Floyd.

The overall effect of these problems is the participants of the Food Distribution Program suffer the consequences of mal-administration of the program," emphasized Floyd, who added, "Ultimately we want the tribes and Indian organizations to have input into how the USDA operates the Food Distribution Program."

Before the Dallas trip, Directors and representatives of various Oklahoma tribal Food Distribution Programs met at Creek Nation to discuss strategy for the tribal food programs to procure a waiver from the USDA of the 25% matching fund, as well as outlining other problem areas involved in the operation of the Food Distribution Program. Attending were: Creek Nation, Chickasaw Nation, Cherokee Nation, Intertribal Council from Miami, and the Kiowas and Comanches. Creek Nation Food Distribution Program Administrator Bonnie Gibson talked of the importance of the meeting - "This was the first meeting of all the Oklahoma tribes who operate a Food Distribution program. It is important to meet together to discuss the problem areas of operating these programs-we can then, hopefully, arrive at a strategy for better operation of our programs that will benefit all the tribes."

## Creek Churches Urged to Send in Histories

The Creek Communications Department encourages area Creek churches to submit their histories, legibly written or typed to CN Communications Dept., P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee OK 74447. These histories will be compiled into a book with photographs on Creek church traditions.

Upon publication of the book, each church may wish to sell a certain number of these books as a fundrasing project for their church. In this arrangement, the church would receive the profits above the printing cost of each book sold. For further information, contact the Creek Nation Communication Dept., 756-8700, ext. 327.

# Creek Nation Boarding School 1984 . . .

By Helen Chalakee

Van McIntosh, newly appointed administrator of the Creek Nation Boarding School at Eufaula is 1/2 Creek and was reared not far away in the Stidham community. He describes working with the Indian children "twice as rewarding as any other type work." He sees himself in a dual role: that of surrogate parent to 100 students, and school administrator. "You cannot separate the two, you just cannot work here without becoming involved in the lives of the students," he said.

"The students are usually here because of broken home, or they have been placed wards of the court for one reason or another. Circumstances beyond their young, limited control have destined them to the Boarding School. However, many of our students are here either because they have chosen to be or their parents were in boarding school and it is tradition with them. But, many of them are at the mercy of a dominant society and culture," McIntosh explained.

He further explained the primary goal of the Boarding School is to provide for the emotional, physical, including satisfaction of nutritional needs; mental and moral growth and development. "Whatever it takes for the Creek Nation Boarding School to increase the holding power of these youth to stay in school, we will attempt, because their chances of assuming responsible positions in the communities are improved with each year of school," he stated.

## The Boarding School students attend Eufaula Public Schools . . .

The Creek Nation Boarding School students attend Eufaula Public Schools. They are mainstreamed into the school system. McIntosh emphasised. "Our responsibility here at the Boarding School is to teach our youth the basic criteria for being a student." He added, "The Eufaula P.S. has a unique educational function and role to perform, and we want our students to realize the importance of this, as well as their own responsibility as students to the school system."

"A large percentage of the children here are in the 6-10 year age bracket. A

six year-old in a normal home environment is treated exactly that-a six year-old. The regimented life of a boarding school six-year old does not afford them the luxury of a parental good-night kiss, or a quick hug before they go to the dining hall for breakfast and then board the bus for school," McIntosh related.

He then explained the importance of staffing conscientious and caring employees in those positions dealing directly with the care of the younger children. "We don't overlook the older ones, but, the little ones need the extra attention."

"The dorm attendants make sure the children's hair is shampooed daily, as well as a regular bathing schedule met," McIntosh said. The bottom floor of the dorm is especially for the little ones. "Can you imagine making sure all those kids have bathed and brushed their teeth. This is the main reason we staff only those individuals who have a genuine concern for the children," he continued.

## "One of my first episodes here involved a first grader crying and wanting to go home" . . .

"One of my first episodes here was involving a first grader crying and wanting to go home," McIntosh told compassionately. "He didn't want to go to school because he was afraid he was going to get a spanking for not knowing how to write his name. I assured him that I would be at school the next day to find out the matter. In working with the school officials and his teacher, the problem has been, at least, partially resolved on the student's part," he said.

McIntosh related, "Often times our students undergo a lot of misunderstanding and misconception. The Indian way, and the Indian manner of thinking is different. It is unique-especially if the child has been exclusively in a traditional environment. . . and it is important, especially for their teachers to understand this."

"One of the Eufaula P.S. administrators said that that was the first time he had encountered



Van McIntosh and his pal Micco talk over Micco's activities during the day.

anyone from the Boarding School visiting them about a student's needs," McIntosh remitted. He explained a new policy which will be in effect at the Boarding School to make periodic visits to all the schools on a weekly basis. He stated the Boarding School counselors will be working closely with the school officials.

McIntosh explained that many of the students, upon arriving at the Boarding School and enrolled at Eufaula P.S., are one to three grade levels behind. He hopes, in the very near future, to implement testing programs for each student, based on a manner that takes their backgrounds, as well as their abilities, into consideration. He said, "Too often, they are tested and graded against standards based on non-Indian populations. This is where Indian values and concepts must be revered."

He also said, he plans to upgrade the tutoring program. "We have a classroom setting for the students and their tutors here at the dormitory so they can work on a one-to-one basis. A study period has been set aside each evening from 5:30-7. At present, the tutors are assigned by Eufaula P.S.. Our students are the reason they are receiving the tutoring funds, and I plan to utilize this program to the maximum," he remarked.

The administrator added, "One of the first things we do when a new student arrives, is to have the health clinic perform a minor health check on them, making sure there will be no problems in the general health area. Good health is a real and necessary basis for education."

McIntosh cited his philosophy of education is to see that the students have an equal chance. "With Indian students, they usually have a few strikes against them to begin with. I am going to see that every opportunity is made available to them."

McIntosh has 15 years in the education field, the past five as principal at Crowder High School which is 20 percent Indian enrollment. "Part of my own education was made available through B.I.A. grants. After graduation from East Central, I agreed to teach on the Navajo Reserve. However, before I left for that position, one with exactly my qualifications in business and physical education became open at Riverside Indian School in Anadarko," he related.

McIntosh spent ten years at Riverside, the last three as assistant principal in charge of federal programs. Also, in those ten years as basketball coach, he had nine winning seasons.

In 1976, he received his administrator's certificate from the University of Oklahoma. He completed all the required hours in Indian Education from Southwestern and O.U. With 360 hours total college credit, McIntosh modestly says, "its how you apply that background that counts," and added how he felt the Creek Nation Boarding School was the challenge for that application.

McIntosh and his wife Linda, who is a remedial reading specialist, reside in nearby Crowder with their three daughters, Vanessa, Misty and Valina. His parents, Bunnie and Hazel McIntosh still remain in the Stidham community.

## To Be Involved, Call This Number . . .

If you would like to become involved with the children at Creek Nation Boarding School in any manner, please contact Jean Froman at the school, 918-689-2522 or write her in care of: Creek Nation Boarding School, Eufaula, Oklahoma 74432. Many of the students are in need of warm clothes and shoes. The Creek Communication Center will accept donations of good quality here at the Tribal Complex and see that the items get to the children. Just call 918-756-8700 and ask for Anita ext. 327; or Kathryn, ext. 328 or Helen, ext. 326. Also Rita Williams will be taking donations in the Henryetta area, you may contact her at 918-652-2382. Ask about the Creek Friendship Club! Your support and encouragement will be appreciated.

# Counselor Stresses Rewarding Self-Images

By Kathryn Bell

Jean Froman loves her job and her "job" loves her. As Counselor to the 100 students at the Eufaula Dormitory, she is usually surrounded by a group of animated students, just home from school and eager to share the ups and downs of their day with her - and she listens.

This energetic mother of three daughters, possesses not only the skills and discipline of her profession (she holds a Masters Degree in Counseling from Northeastern State University), but has a genuine love and concern for the children at the Dormitory. This attitude is easily observed in her relationship with the children and the compassion in her manner as she speaks of them. "I have a deep caring for these Indian students. I feel that my job as Counselor here provides an opportunity for me to help them," she said.

Although this is Mrs. Froman's first year at the Dormitory, she keenly senses the challenge of seeing these students reach their potential and the rewards of being part of that process - "I love the challenge of this job and although I may not see immediate results at the end of each day - I know that the rewards will come, perhaps years later, but there will be the reward of seeing a student reach his potential."

With most of her past work experience being in the public school system, which is an invaluable asset to

bring to her role of Counselor, Mrs. Froman is aware of the students academic needs and their social needs. "There is a definite need for our students to develop first, academically, and secondly, socially. Helping these students in these critical areas of their development is our goal for the students," she emphasized.

Mrs. Froman feels that the awareness of the academic needs of their children is why some parents opt to send their children to the Eufaula Dormitory. "All of us, parents and those who work with these children, agree that education is vital to seeing the students become productive adults and that is why education must be our priority."

Reiterating that academic enrichment and social skills development go hand-in-hand, the Counselor stressed the importance of a positive self-image for the student. "In the educational environment here at the Dormitory, we also work hard to reinforce our students Indian identity because we want them to be proud of their unique heritage."

In her capacity as Counselor, Mrs. Froman acts as a liaison between the Eufaula public school system and the students; "Whenever there is a new student, I go to the school with them so that they can get adjusted to the new school setting. I also maintain a regular contact with the schools to see how our kids are doing academically and in what areas they may need help," said Mrs. Froman, who does counseling with parents and the students.

Concerned about the need for social skills development among the students and the possibility of adjustment problems in school, Mrs. Froman explained that the administration is implementing a strong guidance program at the elementary level in hopes of offsetting

the potential problems that some students may encounter upon entry into Junior High and High School. She also voiced a recommendation for the parents that would be of great benefit to their child's schooling - "Absenteeism is one problem area that we spend a great deal of time working on and I would just like to stress to the parents how important it is for them, when taking their children out for weekend visitation, to bring them back in time to start school Monday morning. By not having them back, each day they are absent is counted as unexcused, and this has a

negative effect on their grades, and their overall school progress - so please, parents, have your children back in time to go to school Monday morning - it will help your child and that's what we all are doing here - trying to make sure that each student have a maximum opportunity for academic achievement."

The success of the Eufaula Dormitory and the positive impact it will have on its students will result in part upon Mrs. Froman and other conscientious and caring staff like her at the Dormitory, that work on a day-to-day basis with each student.



Lucille McIntosh has been working with the "Grandparents Program" at the boarding school for 16 years. Each afternoon, when the children arrive from school, the grandparents are there with snacks and hugs. They keep the children involved in singing, playing, studying and arts and crafts until dinnertime.

## Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Self-Determination Started Over a Century Ago!

This article was compiled by Helen Chalakee from various sources of historical information, mainly through volumes of the *Chronicles of Oklahoma*.

Creek Nation Boarding School, formally known as Eufaula Dormitory and later as Eufaula Boarding School has changed in many ways since it was organized. It has changed not only in name, but also in structure and location.

The school is an outgrowth of the old Asbury Manuel Labor School which was first established about one mile from Chattahoochee River, near Columbus, Alabama, in 1822.

The old Asbury Manual Labor School in Alabama was abandoned in 1830, due to the removal of the Creeks to the new reservation west of the Mississippi River. The Asbury Manual Labor School was re-established in 1847 in Creek Territory near what was then "Old North Fork Town", located on the south side of the north fork of the Canadian River. Teaching was done in little log cabins until 1849 when a three-story structure was completed.

The school burned about 1890, and the Creeks were without a school until 1892 when the Creek government established a new school.

Eufaula High School was established in 1892, under the auspices of a Board of Education appointed by the Creek Tribal Council.

The school, a main brick building three stories with an attic and belfry, was constructed of red brick by a German immigrant, Solvia Suess, who made and

burned the clay from the vicinity southwest of Eufaula. One of the stones in the foundation gives the date of 1892. Pilot Grayson was the first superintendent. Others included Alexander Posey, the Creek poet.

One of the provisions of the Curtis Act of 1898 provided that all Indian governments were to cease on March 4, 1906. There were to be no government appropriations available after that date and unless Congress took appropriate actions, all the Creek schools would be forced to close.

Consequently, by the latter part of 1905, uncertainty and general apathy prevailed throughout the Creek school circles. Attendance dropped, teachers lost interest, and boarding schools prepared to close.

However, shortly before the deadline approached, Congress acted in a dramatic fashion and continued the existence of the tribal governments until "all properties of such tribes . . . shall be distributed among the individual members unless hereafter provided by law," thus quieting the apprehension that prevailed throughout the Muscogee Nation.

On April 26, of that same year, Congress broadened the authority of the Secretary of the Interior and directed him to "assume control of the tribal schools and to conduct them under rules and regulations that he might prescribe." All tribal educational officers were to be retained, subject to the Secretary's dismissal, and the present school system was to continue in force until it should be taken over by a territorial or state government. The act further provided that the Secretary was empowered to set

aside a sufficient amount of money from tribal funds to defray all necessary expenses of such schools, provided the amount did not "exceed that expended in the scholastic year ending June 30, 1905."

With the Federal government in complete control of the Creek schools, one might have expected some rather sweeping changes in the educational picture. However, such did not prove to be the case. The only changes to note was in the method of disbursement of funds. ALL FUNCTIONS, IN THIS RESPECT WAS COMPLETELY REMOVED FROM THE TRIBAL OFFICIALS. No longer was the Principal Chief allowed to issue warrants against tribal funds. All funds were now paid directly, OUT OF CREEK TRIBAL MONEY, by the Federal government. A SITUATION THAT PREVAILED EVEN AFTER STATEHOOD.

Until this time, the school was co-educational, then in 1907 the boys were removed to other schools and Eufaula Boarding School was made into a school for Creek girls only.

Thus, when statehood was proclaimed in November of 1907, and Creek, Okfuskee, McIntosh, Okmulgee and most of Wagoner, Tulsa and Hughes Counties were surveyed from the old Creek Nation, the county superintendent found a broad educational base already established on which to build. The state school authorities found a program in operation that required little or no modification.

During these years, other buildings were erected, and enrollment increased to 150 students. A dairy of holstein cows was

provided for the school, the fresh milk being given to the local Indian families when school was dismissed for the summer months. Also, a large garden provided fresh vegetables for the school. A grape vineyard and peach trees were planted. A cottage was built for the farmer who looked after the cows, hogs, chickens, and garden. The operation of the farm ceased in the early 1950's.

In 1952, the instructional program was discontinued and the students were admitted to the Eufaula Public Schools.

On December 21, 1962, a fire of undetermined origin gutted the main dormitory. At the time of the fire 65 girls were enrolled. The building also housed the administrative offices. The students were moved to other buildings that were renovated to make a dormitory atmosphere.

Contract for the construction of the new facilities was let in May, 1969, and completed in time for the students to move in when returning to school for the 1970-71 school term. The new construction was near the old location of the Eufaula Dormitory. Many changes and additional buildings have been added since that time to add to the facilities available for students' use. The old facilities were returned to the Creek tribe.

In the Fall of 1971, the school was changed back to a co-educational facility. The new facilities consist of a boy's and girl's dormitory, an activity building, a kitchen, a multi-purpose room which serves mainly as the student-dining room, a canteen and three brick cottages. A gymnasium was added in 1974. The campus also includes a picnic area and a ball field.



## Newtown Indian Methodist Church, Celebrates 200 Years Methodism

By Kathryn Bell

Celebrating over 100 years of the founding of the church and over 200 years of Methodism, the Newtown Methodist Church held a Homecoming September 16.

The Rev. Dan Sexton, pastor of the church located northwest of Okmulgee, opened the day of worship and fellowship with remarks on the history of Methodism. "In this Bi-Centennial year of United Methodism in America, it is well that we remember the past, 1784-1984. Tradition is a covenant between mother and daughter and father and son. The values that have been achieved in the past will not be lost today. Our traditions have given roots and stability in today's changing world. It is important to have this sense of identity as Methodists."

During the morning worship service, the message was delivered by guest minister, Rev. James Yeager, a retired Methodist minister in God's service for 41 years. The singing of much-loved hymns in Creek and English continued throughout the day's services and provided spiritual uplifting to the congregation.

Jorene Coker, church member, reported that the life long members present for the Homecoming were: Cilla Berryhill, Roosevelt and Cora Derrisaw, Ocie Miller, Nevada Simmer, Tom Washington, Jess and Margaret Freeman, Helen Gibson, Linda Cusher, Lawrence Kahbeah, Sarah Simmers, Maggie Juneau and Principal Chief Claude Cox who has been a member all of his life and who rarely misses. Chief Cox made

comment on what the Homecoming meant to him - "Anytime you have a Homecoming you get to see and have fellowship with a lot of people that you may not have seen for a long time and that lifts your spirits." Chief Cox also spoke of Christianity's beginnings in the Creek Nation and how the Rev. Samuel Checote, who was also Principal Chief of the Creeks, was instrumental in pioneering the Gospel in Creek Nation.

Newtown's history began in the 1840's with the Rev. Checote, who was not only a statesman and man of the cloth, but who was a visionary of his people. He had their interests and welfare foremost in his heart - his goals for them were Christianity, education and agriculture. He believed that these three goals would advance his people and provide a greater unity in their government.

From the early brush arbor days of Newtown, came a structure of hewn logs and a school building, which was destroyed by fire in the 1890's. For a period of time, brush arbors were used as in earlier days when there was no church, until 1902, when, according to a Newtown Church history by Agnes Bell Kelly Walls, the Creek government donated an acre of land. Money from a building fund from donations of the members was used to buy an additional seven acres of land. A one-room building, belltower and camp house was then built. In 1960, that structure was torn down to build the present-day Newtown Church building.

During the 1930's the church had a football and baseball team, a band and



Lynnelle Roberts, left, and Jeri Berryhill display the Anniversary cake made in commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Newtown Indian United Methodist church in Okmulgee and the 200th Year observance of Methodism in America. As part of the day's celebration, a dinner was served to the members and visitors present for the Homecoming.

other sports activities. It was a time of growth for the church, with a larger tabernacle also built.

In the 1950's Newtown had a lighted softball field - a facility unique to Indian churches. Chief Cox, who along with Ralph Kelly, was instrumental in the building of the field, recalls those days with fondness - "We really had some great games there and a lot of all-night games were played too."

The church is unique in that in 1909, according to Historian Walls, the church was honored by a visit from

President William Howard Taft during his tour of the Southwest. In his speech that day at Newtown, he expressed his concern for the welfare of the Indians, after which a bountiful feast was prepared in his honor.

Gary Robinson, of the Communications Dept. made a recording of the worship services and the hymnsing and these recordings taken during the Homecoming celebration, will become a part of the oral history collection of the Oklahoma Historical Society.



## Yaffee Indians Take 11th Place in Nationals

The Yaffee Indians of Muskogee, coached by Ed Seber, placed 11th in the Women's Class B National Softball Championship, held at Kellet Complex, Enid, August 30-31 and September 1. Shown, front row, (l-r): Pam Hunter, Lorrie Seber Mullican, Judy Seber Hunter, and Alice Seber Beach; (back row, l-r) Kim Morrison, Sandy Seber Sisco, Terry Cass, Mary Horsechief, Sharon Ballentine, Brenda Daniels and Coach Seber.

# Indian Education Officials Attend JOM Workshop

By Helen Chalakee

"... Indian students need to feel support from their home. Parents need to take a more active interest in their child's school activities... if they are doing well, praise them. If they don't feel they're progressing... encourage them, but don't let them give up- they are our most valuable resource!"

"Partnership in Education" was the theme for a workshop held recently at the Creek Nation Complex for Title IV-A/JOM parents, school administrators and counselors.

Sam Homan, Director of the State Indian Education Program, addressed over 135 workshop participants. "Never before has there been a need for 'Partnerships in Education', as there is now. It is more important than ever, that we work collectively as a strong diplomatic force," he stressed.

Homan urged parents to vote in local and state elections to pass educationally oriented bonds and to be very committed in what they did and what they said in education.

"Presently, we have one objective, the future security of our Indian children! We will take our place with the doctors and lawyers, because there is a great need for Indian professionals. We will accomplish this through hour-to-hour, day-to-day, and school district-to-school district, partnership," Homan concluded.

Ron West, Creek, is Assistant Administrator for the State Indian Education Department. He explained the department functions more as liaison between the Indian communities and the schools, and the school's role with their department. The Indian Education Department is state funded and employs a staff of 12. Six of whom are facilitators working designated regions within the state.



Oklmulgee Public School Officials, Dr. Dean Hughes (left), and Superintendent Billy Davis present State Indian Education Director Sam Homan with a banner. Looking on is Creek National Council Representative, Perry Beaver who is head of the Council's Committee on Education.

West is currently serving a dual role as administrator and facilitator.

"Recently," he explained, "we conducted seven weeks of workshops for youth, para-professionals and counselors. One of our current projects is preparing a booklet which will assist Indian students in taking their ACT," he added.

"The Indian Education Department actually administers the Johnson O'Malley (JOM) funds to the schools and parent committees, except in cases where tribes have contracted the JOM Program. Then, they are responsible for the administering of funds. "However, we will assist them in

any area of implementation, if they request. We will provide the required training for those people who are on the JOM payroll," West said.

West commented on the growth of the Title IV-A participation by school districts. He said in 1972, only 145 schools had filed for the Indian education funds. This past year 329 schools filed, but out of 615 districts in the state there were 253 school districts with Indian enrollment who have not filed for Title IV-A. West said, "since these funds are allocated directly to the Parent Committees, we see a great need for more parents to become involved in those districts

because through this funding, \$133.16 is received for each student's academic enrichment."

Other program facilitators presenting workshops at the meeting were Pete Beaver, Creek; Boyd Speaks; Jim McGee, Cherokee; Anna Bland and Janis Imotichey, Creek. Okmulgee school officials involved were: Superintendent Billy Davis, Dr. Dean Hughes and Dr. Zenobia Jones. Coordinators for the meeting were Paul McCurtain, Esterlene Gee, Roberta Gibson, and Sue Tiger; and Richard Anderson who is the Okmulgee County Home Coordinator.

## Okemah School Indian News-

Christine Henneha

The JOM Indian Committee held their election meeting on Oct. 4, 1984. There were 28 persons present including the past committee. Christine Henneha, Michal Bowen, Betty Scott, Chris Burgess, school administrators, Mr. Holloway, superintendent, Billy Green, principal, Shari Parks, JOM & Title IV-A program director. Guest speakers - Mike Lambeth, tutor for after school hour. Anna Bland, State Indian Educator, Earnestine Henneha, clerk typist for Creek Nation Higher Education. Nominations to select and elect the committee were the following names, Edna Jimboy-6, Earnestine Henneha-4, Jim Burgess-7, Christine Henneha-5, Lucy Givens-5, Wanda McNac-2, Lena Marshall-5, George McNac-1, Michal Bowen-7. The three new committee elected were Edna Jimboy, Jim Burgess and Michal Bowen for 2 years. Betty Scott and Chris Burgess are the two left on for 1 year more. Christine Henneha served as JOM Chairperson for 5 years in Okemah. She wants to thank each of you for being so helpful during her time as Chairperson.

### INDIAN CLUB NEWS-

The Okemah Middle School Indian Club elected their officers for 1984-85. The officers are: Chief-Brian Gourd, son of Sherri Gourd, Town Oaks, Apt. son of Sherri Gourd. Brian is Creek and

in the 8th grade; Vice-Chief-William Coon, son of Phillip and Sandra Coon Jr. William is Creek and in the 6th grade; Secretary-Debbie Canard, daughter of Joe and Jenny Canard. Debbie is Creek and in the 7th grade; Treasurer-Tonya Gourd, daughter of Sherri Gourd. Tonya is Creek and in the 7th grade.

Elected as Princess was Daphne Zuik, daughter of Roger and Leona Zuik. Daphne is Creek and in the 8th grade. Kevin Jennings was elected Brave. He is the son of Anita Hudson and he is Creek and an 8th grader.

The club's first activity will be in charge of the concession stand during the Beggs-Okemah Jr. High football game.

### Thank You From Vian Church!

On April 7, 1984, a benefit Gospel Singing was held besides other fund raising events for Vian Creek Church which burned down last fall. Praise the Lord! He answered prayers and on Oct. 21 there will be a Dedication of the New Vian Creek Church, Vian, Ok., during the Sunday morning services. Dinner and supper will be served. In the afternoon there will be a Gospel Singing.

Vian Creek Church say MVTO (Thank you) and appreciates your help to the church and invites you to come and share this happy event of dedication of the church, fellowship and Gospel Singing. M.C. Robert Jones.



OKMULGEE INDIAN COMMUNITY CELEBRATES 7th ANNIVERSARY- Officers of the Okmulgee Indian Community shown left to right are: Cora Deersaw, Chairman; Gale Bevenue, Treasurer; Chiquita Juneau, Vice-Chairman; and Rachel Thomas, Secretary. Both, Principal Chief Cox and Second Chief George Miller were on hand for the occasion held October 7. In 1977, October 7, the OIC held their first meeting at Oakdale School. Those attending the first meeting were: Cora Deersaw, Mary Jones, Norma Bible, Steve Wilson, Maggie Juneau, Lillie Cox, Priscilla Kabeah, Rebecca Autaubo, Martha Chalakee, Lillian Washington, Sallie Goodvoice, Bernice Hale, Lawrence Kabeah, George Autaubo, Nevada Simmer, Margaret Freeman and Claude Cox. After the 7th Anniversary Dinner was served, Steve Wilson gave a talk on the organization's history and George Miller talked on "Unity" within our people and the community. Door Prize was won by Shawn Tindle and Mary Gooden. OIC meets every second Monday of each month at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center located near the CN Elderly Housing Project.



## Three Indian Cousins Excel In Athletics At Mason High School

By Helen Chalakee

Three cousins at Mason High School are excelling in the school athletic program. Their coach, Robert Pierce, said all three are outstanding athletes, as well as very good students. Jason Smith, Bruce Douglas and Daniel Bear told the MNN a little about themselves in a recent interview at the school.

Jason is a 15 year-old sophomore and the son of Joe and Janetta Smith. He likes Baseball best! Jason is a two-year starter on the school team, in either position of pitcher or shortstop. This past season, he produced two home runs and has a batting average of .429. In the recent Mason Invitational Baseball Tournament, he hit four doubles and one single, and had four RBI's. Jason also was selected for All Tournament team in basketball last year.

Bruce is a 17 year-old senior and the son of Geneva and Harry Douglas. He is a four-year starter on the school's baseball team. Bruce plays first-base. He led the team in stolen bases. Coach Pierce related, Bruce was the quickest team player and had the fewest strikeouts, only striking out once in 75 times at bat.

Bruce is also a three-year starter in basketball. He plays point guard and has been selected two year for the Deep Fork All Conference, two years



MASON HIGH SCHOOL STAR ATHLETES are shown left to right: Bruce Douglas, Jason Smith and Daniel Bear along with their coach Robert Pierce.

for the OK All Star and last year for the Okmulgee County Small School All Star Tournament. He was selected 'Best Player' from all the schools in Okfuskee County. Bruce is a straight 'A' student. He says, "most of the time, maybe a few B's! He likes girls and horses, in that order. Bruce has been rodeoing in Green Country Association for three years as a bull rider. In 1983, he won the Creek Nation Rodeo Junior Steer Riding Championship.

Daniel is an 18 year-old senior, the son of Mary and Ashley Bear. He came to Mason from Okemah three years ago. Recently he was selected 'MVP' in

the Mason Invitational Baseball Tournament. He can play either pitcher or catcher position equally well, and has racked up 30 RBI's and nine home runs.

In basketball, he has been chosen for the past two years to play in the Deep Fork All Conference, the OK All Star and the Little River All Conference. Daniel likes Motorcycles and girls and has a high C scholastic average.

Coach Pierce commented he had contacted scouts from different colleges and they had shown an interest in watching the boys this coming year. So will we!

## Bill Weaver Wins Okmulgee County Sheriff's Primary

I would like to thank all of you who voted for me in the primary election and the run-off election. Your support is sincerely appreciated.

I would also like to thank the Creek Nation Tribe for all the hard work and excellent leadership they have given to all the Indian people they serve. The Indian people have seen great progress and accomplishments under Chief Cox. For example: Housing for the elderly, Rodeo Arena, Creek Forest Apartments, Creek Village, Housing Projects in town and the rural areas, jobs for Indians, just to name a few. Creek Nation has helped Indians in town and Indians in the rural areas, treating all equally.

If elected your sheriff, I will work hard to protect your homes and property. I will have a deputy on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I will work hard to solve ALL crimes. All people will be treated fairly and equally. The rural people will have Law Enforcement once again. Being Creek/Cherokee Indian myself, I know and understand your Law Enforcement needs. My door would always be open to each of you.

I know the Sheriff's Office budget is limited however, through more efficient use of funds, I feel that remarkable progress can and will be made. I will employ educated and qualified deputies to bring professional Law Enforcement to Okmulgee County.

The criminal element in Okmulgee County is organized and professional. We MUST have organized and professional Law Enforcement to fight back with. We MUST put a stop to the high crime rate in our County.

I have attended college majoring in Criminal Justice. I have experience in enforcement. I know how criminals are operating in our County. I know that it is going to take well trained, honest and educated Law Officer's to put a stop to crime in our County. I know it can be done.

I also know, I must have your support on November 6, 1984. I ask each of you to support me and together, we the people, can and will put a stop to crime in our County. Thank You.

Sincerely,  
Bill Weaver



## Bo Johnson Seeks Office Of Sheriff

Bo Johnson, a 39-year old native of the Okmulgee and Morris area, has announced that he will seek the office of sheriff in the upcoming Fall county election. Johnson is the son of the late Harber and Betty Johnson of Okmulgee. Bo and his wife Rosina have three children, Angel, age 13; Jeffery, age 7; and John, age 5. They reside on Route Two, Okmulgee. Bo and his family are active members of the First Baptist Church of Morris. On Bo's off-duty time, he is active coaching Little League Tee-Ball. Bo is presently employed with the Creek Nation of Okmulgee.

Johnson is a veteran of the Vietnam

conflict, served a term of 13 years of active service in the United States Marine Corps from which he received an honorable discharge in 1976.

Immediately following his release from active duty in the armed services, Bo began serving the City of Okmulgee for four years as a patrolman within the Police Department. While employed as a police officer, Johnson also began his college career at Conners State College in Warner, where he received his Associate Degree in Law Enforcement.

Since that time Bo has also received his Bachelor of Science Degree and Master of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. While in college, Bo minored in Business and Physical Education. Most recently Bo has completed his pre-internship with the Morris School District while working toward his State Teaching Certificate.

In 1877, while employed as a full time police officer, Bo became an Oklahoma State Certified Law Enforcement Officer and has continually attended training seminars when possible.

When elected, Johnson plans to reorganize and revamp the Sheriff's office to better serve the citizens of Okmulgee County. Also, in his plans is to reorganize the Sheriff's Patrol to improve the overall efficiency of the Sheriff's Department and to ensure that a Deputy Sheriff lives and works in each portion of the County.

Bo will appear in the November 6 election as a Democrat running on an Independent ticket.



## Bigpond Receives Nursing Degree

Wendell Roman Bigpond received his Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Tulsa in exercises held recently on the Tulsa University campus.

Wendell will be employed with the Creek Nation Hospital in Okemah as a Registered Nurse. He also has a Liberal Arts degree from Long Beach City College in Respiratory Therapy.

Bigpond, a former resident of Bristow, now resides in Sapulpa with his wife, Elena and children, Nancy, Michael and Roman.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kessler Bigpond of Bristow.

Wendell said, "I'm proud of my Creek heritage and accomplishments and would like to see more Indian students pursue health careers."



# Muscogee (Creek) National Council Approved Minutes of July 28, 1984

INVOCATION: Delbert Dunn

CALL TO ORDER: Carney Roberts, Speaker

ROLL CALL: A quorum was declared with seventeen members being present. All business transacted during this session would be declared valid and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

READING OF MINUTES: The minutes were not available for reading.

ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

1. OLD BUSINESS: A. Message of the Principal Chief returning NCA 84-27 to the National Council with objections. The message was read as follows:

I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee Nation, hereby return NCA 84-27 entitle "Amending NCA 84-23 providing for tribal contracts to provide services and programs for fiscal year 1984" to the National Council with objections as follows:

OBJECTION: THE NEGOTIATION, EXECUTION, AND ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACTS AND GRANTS ARE FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. While the Constitution of the Muscogee Nation allows the National Council to exercise legislative functions on tribal matter, the constitution also imposes limitations. The Constitution requires that executive power be vested in the Office of the Principal Chief. The negotiation, executive, and administration of contracts and grants are functions vested with the Executive Branch. Further, even if the National Council were allowed to perform an administrative function as proposed in Section 102 of NCA 84-27, the time involved in processing administrative budgetary decisions through the legislative process would render the system ineffective, inefficient and impractical.

RECOMMENDATION: Since NCA 84-23 fulfilled the constitutional requirements for contracting programs and NCA 84-27 proposes activities which cannot be implemented no further action is warranted. Therefore, NCA 84-27 is hereby returned unsigned as a veto in accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Signed Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, July 10, 1984

The Chair entertained a discussion. It was the wish of the Council Acting Committee of the Whole to not take action on this Message during this session.

NEW BUSINESS: 7A. A BILL MODIFYING THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF THE GAMING COMMISSIONER. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. NCA 84-12 as amended is hereby further amended at Section 101. (A) (1) (d), by deleting the present language and Substituting in its place the following provisions: (d) Office of the Gaming Commissioner:

(d) Office of Gaming Commissioner: Total \$30,410. Section 102. The secretary shall execute an original copy of NCA 84-12 as amended by this Ordinance and the Speaker and the Principal Chief shall sign the amended Ordinance. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained discussion. This Bill was discussed during the Planning Session in detail. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Dunson to approve 7A as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

7B. A BILL AMENDING GUIDELINES FOR 1984 REVENUE SHARING FUNDS PROGRAM. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 84-35, approving the budget and guidelines for the 1984 Revenue Sharing funds, is hereby amended at Section 103 as follows: A. Delete paragraph (2) as read, B. Substitute in its place the following provisions: 2.(a) For Health Care Services under this Ordinance, applicant's adjusted income must not exceed 125% of the Oklahoma Welfare Poverty level. (b) For Burial Expense services under this Ordinance, applicant's income shall not be considered as a criteria for services. Section 102. The amendment contained in Section 101 shall be retroactive to July 9 1984. Section 103. The secretary shall execute an original copy of NCA 84-35 as amended by this Ordinance, and the Speaker and the Principal Chief shall sign the amended Ordinance. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made to amend Bill 7B by deleting the phrase "125% of the Oklahoma Welfare poverty level" and inserting the 1984 Income Guidelines for Services. (b) For burial expense services under this Ordinance applicant's income shall not be considered as a criteria for services. The Amendments having been made by Johnson and seconded by Chupco a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried, Bill 7B will be recorded as such and entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: 7C A BILL MAKING AMENDMENTS TO THE TRIBAL CONTRACTS ORDINANCE AS AMENDED. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The following technical amendments is hereby made in Tribal Ordinance NCA 84-23: A. Between Section 102 and Section 103, insert the phrase: "Title One-Contracts Authorized". B. Between Section 153 and Section 201, insert the phrase: "Title Two. Terms and Conditions of contracts". Section 102. The following technical amendment is hereby in Tribal Ordinance NCA 84-28 (A) In section 102 delete the phrase "1984" and substitute in its place the phrase "1985". The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a discussion and a motion. A motion was made by Stacy and seconded by Bible to return this Bill 7C to Committee, the Committee on Business and Governmental Services. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being as follows: fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

7D. A Bill Amending NCA 84-23 to Provide for the Fiscal Year Headstart Program

7E. A Bill Approving an Attorney Contract with George Almerigi, Attorney at Law

7F. A Bill Organizing the Office of the National Council and Clarifying the Status of the Legislative Administrator.

7G. A Bill Authorizing, Programming, and Appropriating funds for the Cement Plant Project.

The Chair entertained a motion to place these items on the agenda for consideration. A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Dunn to place these items on the agenda for consideration. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried and Bills 7D, 7E, 7F and 7G will be placed on the agenda.

7D. A Bill Amending NCA 84-23 To Provide for the FY 85 Fiscal Year Headstart Program. Section 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 84-23, the 1985 Tribal Contracts Ordinance as amended is hereby amended at Section 153 (A) (2) (e) by inserting the phrase: Office Child Services-Head Start". Section 102. The above program having been approved by the Muscogee Nation, the Principal Chief is directed to implement said program according to the 1985 Tribal Contracts Ordinance. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Stacy and seconded by Dunn to postpone Bill 7D and return it to the Committee on Business and Governmental Services. "Report from the Committee: Chairman Beaver reported that it was the recommendation of the Committee on Human Development to "Do Pass". Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in favor, three against and no abstentions. Those voting against were: Johnson, Beaver and Dunson. Motion carried. Bill 7D was postponed indefinitely and will be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

7E. A Bill Approving an Attorney Contract with George Almerigi, Attorney at Law. The Bill having read and considered as follows: Section 101. The General Counsel Attorney Contract between the Muscogee Nation and George Almerigi is hereby ratified by the Muscogee Nation, effective July 1, 1984. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained discussion. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Thomas and seconded by McIntosh to approve Bill 7E as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Sixteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried and Bill 7E will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

7F. A Bill Organizing the Office of the National Council and Clarifying the Status of the Legislative Administrator. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that: A. One of the fundamental attributes of modern democratic-republican governments is the separation and balance of powers, a doctrine which has included an independent professional staff serving the legislative branch of government. B. An Ordinance was adopted by the National Council April 4, 1984 and approved by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, authorizing and appropriating funds to the National Council for salary and fringe benefit for a Legislative Administrator and Clerk-Typist and a stipend for a Parliamentarian in addition to other appropriations. C. The Constitution of the Muscogee Nation provides that the National Council shall have the power to legislate to exercise any power not specifically set forth which may at some future date be exercised by the Muscogee Nation. Organization of the Office of the National Council is necessary for the protection of our democratic-republican form of government. Section 102. Within the Legislative Branch, the Office of the National Council shall consist of the Speaker, Second Speaker, officers established by Ordinance, and employees authorized by Ordinance. Section 104. The Speaker shall administer the office of the National Council with the advise and consent of the National Council meeting as the Committee of the Whole. The Speaker, or such person or persons as the Speaker shall designate in writing, shall execute decisions for the Office of the National Council concerning personnel, purchasing, voucher or Representatives compensation and expenses, and any other matters for which funds have been authorized by Ordinance. Section 104. Tribal Personnel Policy shall be generally applicable to employees of the National Council, provided that Personnel procedures shall be followed, with the Speaker and the Committee of the Whole exercising those functions for the legislative branch which are exercised by the Principal Chief and the Council on Wage and Personnel Relations for the Executive Branch. Employees of the National Council shall receive fringe benefits at the same rate and under the same guidelines as employees of the executive branch. The Principal Chief and the Office of the Administration shall faithfully execute the decisions of the Speaker and the Committee of the Whole.

## TITLE TWO LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATOR

Section 201. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. An appropriation ordinance was passed April 5, 1984, and approved by the Principal Chief on April 6, 1984, and thereafter approved by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, which authorized and appropriated funds to the National Council for the salary and fringe benefits of a Legislative Administrator. B. Prior to June 30, 1984, the National Council advertised the vacancy accepted applications and resumes, and selected candidates for interviews. C. On June 30, 1984, the National Council interviewed four candidates and selected Robert Trepp, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, as its Legislative Administrator. At that time, the Speaker executed a Staffing Order to initiate salary and fringe benefits effective July 2, 1984. D. On July 3, 1984, the Principal Chief issued a letter purporting to disapprove the National Council's selection of Robert W. Trepp. E. On July 3, 1984 the Speaker issued a letter explaining that there were no provisions in the Constitution or laws of the Muscogee Nation which grant the Principal Chief authority to disapprove the selection of National Council staff. The Principal Chief has not responded to the Speaker's letter of July 3. F. Principal Chief Claude A. Cox, Executive Director, Gary P. Breshears, Director of Finance, David Bryant, and Personnel Manager John Hillman have neglected or refused to recognize the Staffing Order approved by the National Council and signed by the Speaker, and neglected or refused to recognize Time Cards approved by the Speaker on July 6 and July 20, 1984. G. On July 20, the Speaker submitted the Time cards to the Controller and Section 312 of the Controller Ordinance, which directs the Controller to pay vouchers presented by the Speaker upon budgets which have been adopted as Ordinance. H. (Reserved for Summary of Controller response) Section 202. The employment of Robert W. Trepp as Legislative Administrator is confirmed to serve a term of employment at the pleasure of the National Council effective July 2, 1984 subject to a probation period of ninety (90) calendar days, under the supervision of the Speaker, at a salary of \$22,000 plus fringe benefits at tribal rates until altered by a motion duly passed by the National Council. Nothing in this section shall vest any rights in Robert W. Trepp to the position of Legislative Administrator. Section 203. The Principal Chief, the Executive Director, the Director of Finance, the Personnel Manager, and all persons under their direction or supervision, are directed to faithfully execute the administrative support documents required to implement Section 202 of this Ordinance. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Dunn to approve 7F as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen in favor, none against and one abstention, that being Helen Chupco. Motion carried Bill 7F will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

7G. A Bill authorizing Programming, and appropriating funds for the Cement Project. Section 101. Findings. A. The National Council has reviewed and unanimously approved the submission of a grant proposal for the construction and operation of a concrete plant through NCA 84-36. B. In order to process the grant application, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has requested proof of the availability of tribal funds.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bible to approve Bill 7G as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being five in favor, six against and five abstentions: Chupco-abstain, Beaver-yes, Bible-no, Cloud-no, Cleghorn-no, Johnson-yes, Barnett-no, Fox-yes, McIntosh-no, Dunson-yes, Burden-no, Hardridge-abstain, Stacy-abstain, Hicks-abstain, Dunn-abstain and Thomas-yes. Motion Did Not Carry. Bill 7G was not approved.

The Meeting recessed for lunch at 11:15, reconvening at 12:30 P.M.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Gaming Commissioner advised that a Public Hearing would be held on August 1, 1984 at 9:00 a.m. in the office of the National Council. Discussion held on the Training Contract for the National Council.

QUARTERLY REPORTS: The Quarterly reports were prepared and distributed one week in advance by the Executive Office, and the Office of the Principal Chief. Mr. Breshears briefly discussed each Division and its programs. The floor was opened for questions and discussion. The executive staff were present to answer questions. ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Planning Session will be held on August 9, Thursday at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

Adjournment: The Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Chupco to adjourn. Upon a unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned. Benediction: Dunson.



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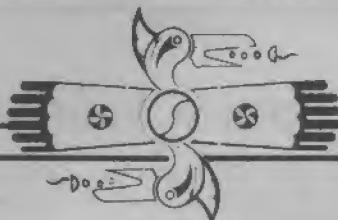
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## CN Bingo Hall Opens On Schedule

By Helen Chalakee

With a work force of 119 of which 94 per cent are Indian and 74 percent are Creeks, the Creek Nation Bingo Hall opened its doors for business as scheduled November 17 with a near capacity crowd of anxious players.

\$11,000 was given out in prize money opening night to the eager winners, setting the mood for bingo players in this area to go where the action is - the Creek Nation Bingo Hall.

The Bingo employees, well trained in their specific details, and with genuinely smiling happy faces, performed with both confidence and competence. The Creek Indian employment factor is but one aspect of the potential outcome projected by tribal officials. Revenue from the Bingo Hall will substantiate an economic foundation for the tribe to operate in other areas for years to come.

A week previous to the November 17 opening, a pre-opening reception was held on site to formally acquaint tribal officials and others to the facility. A news conference was scheduled prior to the reception with Principal Chief Cox; John Artichoker, President Indian Country U.S.A.; David Ingenito, co-Manager of the Bingo Hall; and John Fritz, Deputy Assistant Secretary Department of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C., to answer questions and express their views about Indian bingo to the press.

Later in the evening, Secretary Fritz gave a rendering account of what the Bingo Hall should mean to the Creek people. He said it was time tribal governments started acting like governments and that the Creeks should be proud of their tribe and their bingo facility.

He related, "You have an entertainment enterprise. You can call it a bingo hall... you can call it anything



you want, but, you have an entertainment enterprise," then he added, "but for what reason?... for the benefit of the tribe as a whole, not for just one or two people." Fritz paralleled the Creek tribe with the state tax system, "Just as the state raises revenue for state service projects through a taxing system, the Creek Nation is doing the same thing for their people by generating revenue for

tribal self sufficiency. Programs for the elderly and opportunities to invest in our greatest resource by preparing our youth for the future - to succeed in our dream that our children will be better off than we are."

Fritz maintained the responsibility of Indians interacting as human beings by tearing down walls of distrust and rebuilding walls of trust for our fellow man. He added, "It is the tribe's

responsibility to provide employment opportunities for its members, because we are seeing a change. Indians are being seen as role models who have a tremendous impact on surrounding areas."

To an inspired and delighted audience, Fritz concluded, "Life is very seldom gentle. You, as a citizen, must look out for those to whom life is least gentle."

### -NOTICE- CREEK ORIGINAL ALLOTTEES

A 'Special Benefit Program' for the Muscogee (Creek) Original Allottees is now in legislation with the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. It is very important for the 'Allottees' to notify the Creek Citizenship Board of their current address by December 15 of this year. The Creek Citizenship Board can be contacted at P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447, or telephone 918/756-8700, extension 224. Please specify you are an 'Original Allottee'.



See Indian Veteran's Memorial Inside...



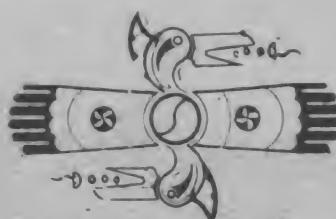
## Big Cussetah Schedules Basketball Tournament

The Big Cussetah Church will sponsor the Third Annual Men's Invitational Basketball Tournament at the Morris High School Gym on December 28, 29, and 30th.

The Tournament, sponsored by the Youth of the church, will be Double Elimination and is free to the public.

The entry fee is \$50 and the deadline is December 26. There will be First Place team and individual trophies, Second Place team and individual trophies and Third place team trophy, Sportsman trophy and MVP trophy.

For more information, contact Jean Froman, 918-733-4470, Terri Beaver, 405-340-2184, Oscar Beaver, 405-672-2983 or send check, money order, along with team name to: Big Cussetah Church, Rt. 2 Box 7E, Okmulgee, OK 74447.



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## LETTERS...

Dear MNN,

I am a Camp Fire leader in Moore, Oklahoma. My group has a project we are working on that requires writing to Indian girls the same age as my group. We are 11 and 12 year olds. Could you supply me with the names of six girls from your tribe that my group could write to? My girls wish to become Pin Pals with the girls whom you send to us.

You may check out my credibility with: Gwen Wilson, Camp Fire Office, 717 N.E. 21, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or telephone (405) 524-2255. I would appreciate a reply as soon as possible. Thank You,

**Diana Jones**

919 S.W. 4th Pl. Moore, Ok 73160

Dear MNN,

We of J.L.C.C. Institution wish to thank the Morning Star Ministries for taking the time to come to J.L.C.C. and playing for us. Everyone who heard the group or had contact with them in any way, made comment on how inspirational their music and efforts were.

It is good for those of us who have been temporarily shut off from society due to various mistakes we've made in life, to see there are people like them out there who truly care about their fellow man.

We all enjoyed the music of the Flaming Sword band and just having the group there. We thank them sincerely for coming and we wish to extend an invitation for a repeat performance any time that it can be scheduled. We all enjoyed.

(Note: the Ministry reported that six men received salvation and one was healed).

Sincerely yours,

**Elmer E. Craghead**  
President, Indian Club  
John Lilly Correction Center

### To The Muscogee People:

On September 22, we lost a wonderful Pastor, friend and a father, Rev. Martin Kelly.

We want to express our thanks for your prayers and encouragement and especially your presence at the funeral. We, the family may not have shook your hand individually, nor did we say thank you, personally, but we felt your thoughtfulness in the midst.

The flowers, cards you sent were lovely. We truly miss Dad, but we know he has gone home to be with the Lord, so in turn we must strive for the same purpose. May we continue to pray for one another. Life therefore, can be much easier to bear.

**Rev. Newman Kelly & Family**  
and Wekiwa Church members  
Sand Springs, OK



## Sapulpa Head Start Taking Applications

The Creek Nation Headstart Program announces the opening of the Sapulpa Headstart Center on December 3rd. Applications are being taken for enrollment of children ages 3-5 at the Center, located at 500 S. Adams in Sapulpa.

For more information, contact Vickie Haug or Mattie Long, (918) 227-4931.

## Trust Fund Set For Richard Conner

A Medical Assistance Trust Fund has been set up at the Bank of Glenpool for Richard Conner, 16, who was severely injured in a September 22 accident in Sapulpa. Richard was paralyzed due to the accident and is currently undergoing rehabilitation at the Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa.

The administrators of the Trust Fund are the Youth Director and Pastor of the Regular Baptist Church of Jenks, and Dennis Chaffin, Principal of the Glenpool High School, where Richard is a Junior.

Richard keeps up with his classwork by involvement in a special tutoring class at Hillcrest. His Mother, Etta Conner, Administrative Assistant to Chief Cox, reports that Richard "is in good spirits and is working very hard at his therapy."

If you wish to donate to the Medical Assistance Trust Fund, you may do so by sending your contribution to the Bank of Glenpool, P.O. Box 1089, Glenpool, OK 74033, c/o Richard Conner Medical Assistance Trust Fund.

If you wish to send cards, send them to Richard at Hillcrest Rehabilitation Center, Rm. 259A, 1125 S. Trenton, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74104.

## Jesse Wood Family Thanks Contributors

MNN and the Jesse Wood family wishes to thank those who sent contributions on behalf of Jesse: Etta Conner, Floriene Chesbro, Mrs. George W. Baker, Hannah & Paul Dodson, Lillian Ragsdale, George Berryhill, Mamie Dixon and R.P. Beaver.

According to Jesse's mother, Mrs. Francis Wood, Jesse was transferred from the City of Faith Hospital in Tulsa, where he had been, since the July diving accident that left him paralyzed, to the Oklahoma Memorial Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City. That transfer took place November 19 by Medflight and will enable Jesse, 17, to have a greater opportunity to become free of the respirator that he has been on since the accident.

The transfer to the Children's Hospital represents a victory of sorts to Mrs. Wood, in that she and several city and state officials had fought to have the Department of Human Services pay for Jesse's care at the specially-equipped facility in Oklahoma City.

## Peach Ground Christmas Dance...

The Second Annual Fundraising Christmas Dance, sponsored by the Peach Ground Tribal Town, will be held December 8 at the Henryetta National Guard Armory.

The event will start at noon with a Food Sale. A Bingo game will be held at 6:00 (with a Cake walk afterward) and a Stompdance Contest with cash prizes in the following: Leaders-1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place. Shakers-1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place.

Raffles will be held with prizes of a microwave oven and two baskets of groceries.

Please bring your own chairs. The public is invited. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

For more information, call Betsy at 652-7046 or Flora at 224-0646.

## Know Your Rights!

By Sherrin Watkins

CN OFFICE OF JUSTICE

I want to make Creek people aware of a mistake that some people make when they sell or give minerals. I am not referring to leasing for drilling, or royalty; but, to the conveyance of title to minerals by warranty deed.

The problem arises when a person owns an individual interest in minerals, less than all the minerals in a tract, and wants to convey a part of what he owns.

EXAMPLE: Two brothers, X and Y, each have an undivided one-half minerals in a piece of property.

SO: Brother X - 1/2

SO: Brother Y - 1/2

2/2 - One or all minerals

Brother X wants to sell, or give, half of his minerals to Mr. Z and keep half. Brother X gives Mr. Z a warranty deed conveying an undivided one-half minerals and reserving an undivided one-half minerals. Does X have any minerals now? NO!

X meant to say "an undivided one-half of my mineral interest" reserving to himself an undivided one-half on his minerals. Instead he gave one-half of all the minerals and now has no minerals left. A court would construe the deed to protect Y, who is innocent, and Z because X is the one who made the deed.

When do you need to be careful of this? If you own part, less than all, of the minerals in a piece of property, and you convey part of your part by Warranty deed. You must be very careful not to convey more than you want to because of an error in language or fractions.

WARNING: Some attorneys are not as careful in drafting conveyance descriptions in deeds as they need to be. But, the loss will be yours, not an attorney's. SO, read your deed carefully to make sure they convey what you want to pass. Don't sign a deed if you are not sure what it says, especially if it will be approved by a court.



## Eufaula Clinic to Conduct Multi-phase Screening

The Eufaula Creek Nation Indian Health Center is conducting a multi-phase screening clinic for Indians on the following dates and locations:

November 21 - 1:00-3:30 - Ryal School.

November 28 - 1:00-3:30 - Dustin School.

November 6 - 9:00-12 - Checotah Indian Community Center.

December 5 - 1:00-3:30 - Checotah Indian Community Center - 206 B. St.

The screening will be done in the following areas: flu vaccine for person's 65 and older and for those with diabetes, hypertension, heart or respiratory diseases, etc; Immunizations for infants, pre-schoolers, and school age children (parents or guardians must accompany children and bring immun. card); Blood pressure checks; Diabetes testing, and Hematocrit screening.

For further information, contact Diane Reynolds, R.N. Community Health Nurse, 918-689-2547.



# Indian Vets Honored by Creek Nation

By Kathryn Bell

Creek Nation honored its Indian veterans, November 16, with a Memorial and Tribute Dinner at the Complex. Principal Chief Cox explained the purpose for the dinner - "Although veterans were honored throughout the nation, this is the first opportunity Creek Nation has had to honor our own," he said, continuing "with our National election just past, it is well to remember that it was these that fought for our right to vote, as well as many other rights that we enjoy as Americans - the most important being our freedom..."

Services began at 10:30 a.m. in the Mound Building with the Rev. Thomas Long leading in the singing of "God Bless America," followed by prayer.

Steve Wilson, Manager of the Division of Community Research and Development Administration and Coordinator of the Memorial and Dinner, gave the welcoming address in which he thanked those assembled for their part in securing our freedoms. "We at Creek Nation wish to welcome all of you here today and particularly at this time of Thanksgiving we wish to honor you that have

made it possible for us to gather here and worship and to enjoy the freedoms that we have."

The Rev. Mose Scott, Pastor of the Salt Creek Indian Baptist Church in Wetumka, was the Guest Speaker. He gave an inspiring message in honor of the veterans who fought and "who sacrificed their lives for such a great cause. There are some who gave the supreme sacrifice and never got to return home. I thank God that we here today did get to come back home...but those who were willing to go, did so because they knew that responding to the call to service was a part of the price of living in freedom. So it is when a nation desires to have liberty - the price must be paid."

A deliciously-prepared Turkey and Dressing dinner and all the trimmings was served to 190 veterans and guests at noon in the Elderly Nutrition Dining Room at the Complex. The meal and its preparation, overseen by Jimmie Jones, was provided by the Elderly Nutrition Program of the Division of Community Research and Development Administration.

## Indian Veteran's Training Available

Training is now available to help veterans in the job market through the Emergency Veteran's Job Training Act of 1983 (PL98-77), according to Amos Harjo, of the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program with the Muskogee State Employment Service.

Harjo was present at the Veteran's Dinner sponsored by Creek Nation, to provide information on the training program. "We are reaching out to disabled veterans and to all veterans to try and make them more aware of the "Partners in Training" program," said Harjo, who is a full-blood Creek with 23 years of service as a retired Army paratrooper.

In the program, which is funded by the Department of Labor and the Veterans Administration, an employer can receive up to \$10,000 if they train and hire an eligible Vietnam era or Korean Conflict veteran through the

provisions of the Emergency Veterans Job Training Act.

Veteran eligibility includes: applicant must be an unemployed veteran of the Vietnam era or Korean Conflict for at least 15 out of last 20 weeks prior to applying for the program. The maximum period of training is nine months, although veterans with service-connected disabilities rated 30% or more or who have lesser rated disabilities, but have a serious employment handicap. Disabled vets may be trained for up to 15 months.

Veterans must have served on active duty for 180 days or more and the discharge must be other than dishonorable.

For more information, contact Amos Harjo, DVOP, Muskogee State Employment Services, Muskogee, OK., (918) 682-3364.



THE REV. MOSE SCOTT DELIVERS AN INSPIRING TRIBUTE to the veterans and their families who were present for the Veteran's Memorial Service held November 16 at the Mound Building. Rev. Scott is the pastor of the Salt Creek Indian Baptist Church in Wetumka.

## WE SALUTE INDIAN VETS!

Past and present wars have claimed many thousands of lives, but none so dear as the lives of our Indian men and women. In the most recent of U.S. military conflicts, Vietnam - 2.7 million Americans served there, 52,000 of which were Oklahomans who actually saw combat during the Vietnam era (August 5, 1964-May 7, 1975). Of these Oklahoma veterans, 972 lost their lives, according to Bill Fillman, of the Veteran's Service Administration in Muskogee. Of the 127,000 estimated Vietnam era veterans living in Oklahoma, Okmulgee County is recorded as having 1,460 of these veterans. There are still 2,500 servicemen missing from that conflict. We salute our Indian veterans for securing our freedom and safeguarding our rights as Americans. We offer a tribute to those fallen and missing soldiers and to their survivors as well.

## Applicants Accepted For Energy Assistance

The Creek Nation Dept. of Community Research and Development Administration has announced plans for the implementation of the 1984 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program that will provide assistance to low-income Creek citizen's payment of heating expenses.

Applications will be taken starting December 3 at the CN Complex, Mound Bldg. in Steve Wilson's office.

Verification of income is required and applicants must meet income guidelines.

For more information, call Steve Wilson, 756-8700, ext. 300.

## UNITY

By Unity Advocate  
Evangelist Tom Berryhill, Jr.  
(Inspired by Psalms 133)

A vital force for any people is the element of unity. Our success as a progressive people depends on our ability to rally in unity. There is a great need for a unity that transcends what we possess at the present.

As we sense the urgency of these times, let us anticipate the future of our Indian people.

To all concerned, consider these admonishments for a more unified solidarity.

UNITY promotes the general welfare of all.

UNITY appeals to all ages.

UNITY will inspire our young, secure our old.

UNITY creates harmony.

UNITY puts aside differences.

UNITY genders verbal encouragement.

UNITY creates hope.

UNITY is pulling together.

UNITY will seek practical alternatives for the continuity and well-being of our people.

UNITY begins with the grassroots people.

UNITY will stir the need to serve.

UNITY will prevail.

## November 24 Creek Council Meeting Cancelled

Next Scheduled Meeting  
December 29, 1984



CREEK CHIEF COX AND CLEM McSPADDEN are discussing the new Creek Nation Rodeo Arena when McSpadden recently announced the First-Annual Redman Roping produced by the Creek Nation.



# Art is 'Way of Life' for Creek Artist

By Kathryn Bell

Restoration of a fine oil by such renowned Western artists as Remington or Russell, is a meticulous process - requiring both skill and patience - just the job for Joe Chalakee, Exhibits Technician for Tulsa's historic Gilcrease Museum.

Chalakee, full-blood Creek, has 25 years of experience with the museum, if you count the three or four years he spent, at age 14, as Thomas Gilcrease's private gardener.

Working in the museum's artistically inspiring atmosphere has had a positive influence upon Chalakee's desire to become an artist. He is a skilled watercolorist and woodcarver, whose beautiful pieces are commissioned as far away as Germany. Although Chalakee has had no formal art training, his many years with the museum have garnered him valuable knowledge and appreciation for fine art.

His job, which he says is really not like work at all ("I've been here so long that getting up and going to the museum is like going to a second home,") entails designing galleries, building showcases and display areas, building and repairing frames and arranging and hanging the paintings and works of the masters - "In hanging a painting or displaying an artist's piece, I try to think of how that artist would want their work displayed," he said. But the most critical of his job duties is in doing restoration work on the paintings whose original beauty has been marred by time and elements. "I learned the art of restoration from a master, who recently died at the age of 80 and who had worked at the art since he was twelve years old," said Chalakee, who is currently the only technician in Tulsa that is skilled in the special restoration technique that involves the use of relining with fiberglass method. This newly-developed technique is used widely in Canadian museums but has not been widely used, as of yet, in

American museums.

Although the work is demanding ("In doing restoration work, one unskilled stroke could ruin the painting,") Chalakee looks forward to each day's work - "In one day's time, I may handle a million dollars worth of art and it's exciting to think that you are working daily with some of the greatest art work in the world - the job never gets old because it's something new everyday."

Chalakee, son of the late Legus and Nannie Chalakee of Coweta, remembers as a teenager when the employees of the museum were all Indian and mostly members of Chalakee's family. He recounted that the late Thomas Gilcrease, himself a quarter Creek and who built the museum to hold his vast collection of Western and Indian art, hired Chalakee's father, a skilled stone mason, to cut the stone for the building of the main museum, which is shaped like an Indian long house, and for the other buildings. The sandstone was taken from a quarry located on the museum site.

Gilcrease died in 1962 but his dream lived on. The City of Tulsa has had the museum under their operation since 1955.

Proud of his heritage and workplace, Chalakee is equally proud of his family, particularly his three daughters, Joannie, 17, Diane, 16, and Shelby, 11, all of whom are outstanding athletes in the Coweta Public Schools. Chalakee, who coached four winning seasons of soccer, with two of his daughters on the team, proudly displays their medals in the museum workshop where he spends a great deal of his time at work.

Chalakee, wife Betty and daughters make their home in Coweta, where he grew up.

An award-winning logo was recently designed by Chalakee for the City of Coweta, to be used as their official city emblem.



JOE CHALAKEE, Exhibits Technician for the Gilcrease Museum, working with skill and patience, undertakes the cleaning phase of restoration work on a fine oil painting at the museum



REPRESENTING CREEK NATION IN THE FOURTH ANNUAL CAREER WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD BANQUET, was Helen Chalakee (being presented with a certificate by Wanneta Cloyd, President of the Okmulgee Business and Professional Women's Club). Manager of the CN Communications Dept. Ms. Chalakee, Cogee Keith, who represented the Elks Ladies Auxiliary and Linda Cusher of the Okmulgee Indian Community, and all Creek women, were among the eleven candidates for the award, which was hosted by the Okmulgee Business & Professional Women's Club, and held October 29 at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center. Maxine Riefer, Salvation Army directress, sponsored by the Okmulgee Toastmaster's Club was selected as the Career Woman of the Year.



## Deerisaw's Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Cora and Roosevelt Deerisaw of Okmulgee recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with lunch and refreshments at the Creek Nation Dining Room. Many friends and relatives were on hand to wish them continued happiness and success!



# Creek Hospital Update

By Helen Chalakee

Imagine all your health care needs taken care of in a centralized location, administering the most contemporary medical knowledge and skill available anywhere in this area. According to Gary Tarter, Creek Nation Community Hospital Administrator, the Creek hospital in Okemah is well on its way to becoming a virtual hub of medical activity. Gone are the days when Creeks were forced to drive long distances for either major or minor health problems to be attended.

"Recently we had an Open House at the hospital. Our main concern was that the Indian people would attend and participate. Why should they go somewhere else, when we have everything anybody needs in medical care right here in their own hospital," Tarter commented.

"A nursing staff, lab technician and respiratory therapist are available at all times for emergency care. We even supply immediate helicopter service to Oklahoma City or Tulsa, if the situation demands," he stressed.

## STRICTER REGULATIONS

"Anticipated stricter regulations are forecast for Indian health care because of the movement across the United States to cut health care costs," Tarter said. "The day is coming when Indian people will not have the private sector health care available to them. That's why they should take advantage of their own Creek Health Care Delivery System - a system designed especially for them and not available to the general public," Tarter explained.

In the past months, Tarter has been dedicated to achieving maximum results in his development plan for implementing, not just a more efficient hospital, but a complete medical center such as those in metropolitan areas.

Through staffing of competent medical personnel and required ongoing educational programs for them, much of the specialty care which was once referred to other facilities, now can be taken care of on site at the hospital.

Since May of this year, the hospital has performed 30 major surgeries and countless minor procedures. In the past year, 94 babies were delivered at CNCH.

Dr. Buddy La Crone, CNCH Chief of Staff, has been with the hospital for six years. His grueling schedule demands a ten-hour day, five days a week detail, plus 'on call' duty on his off hours. Rated highly as a physician and very well thought of at CNCH, LaCrone has established his position with dedication and hard work throughout the beginning years of the hospital. He now has the capabilities of over 25 physicians interacting with the hospital, covering most any occurring need.

## SPECIALITY CARE

One area of 'speciality care' located within the hospital is the Cardiac Care Center. A two-bed cardiology monitored unit provides full-time monitoring service connected with St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa. Cardiac patients are monitored through telemetry equipment situated at the CNCH

Nurse's station and St. Francis Hospital.

The St. Francis monitoring team is on constant watch for any change a CNCH patient may undergo. Voice communication between the two facilities can confirm if special treatment is needed for the patient.

"With heart disease on the increase, we are compelled to respond with every available necessity in that area of health care," Tarter said. "Our emergency room procedure in cardiac care can be compared to any in the United States. We have one of the most regulated systems in the State - meaning we have to maintain very high standards," he continued.

## MEDI CARE HOSPITAL

"Because we are a community hospital, we provide indigent care (for those who cannot pay). When we provide these services, our only hope of recovering even a partial payment is through a welfare claim," Tarter explained. "Basically, we are a MediCare hospital. We are bound to MediCare regulations, whether it be Indian or non-Indian patients. Sometimes, this is confusing to both the patients and the external public, because we also provide services under contract with Indian Health Service (IHS)," he further explained.

Because the hospital is basically a MediCare facility, this source of revenue covers employment cost which is a vital component of the hospital expense. Before admission to the hospital, a MediCare primary diagnosis must be met which includes 1) Intensity of service and 2) Severity of illness. The hospital staff is required to constantly examine the ever-changing rules for MediCare admission regulation and guidelines.

If MediCare should determine an admission was not medically justified, the hospital will either not receive payment, or if payment has been made, the hospital will have to return the payment to MediCare. MediCare has a very strict review process to recover any claims paid when admission is declared unjustifiable. Tarter went on to say, "Indians who qualify for MediCare, must be treated first as a MediCare patient, secondly as an IHS patient, because the hospital could not operate financially if they relied totally on the IHS contract.

## JCAH ACCREDITATION

The CNCH recently received a three-year JCAH accreditation. This accreditation is awarded by the highest reviewing governing body in the United States for 'standards of health care'. Some larger hospitals only receive a six month to one year certificate. IHS recently conducted another critical survey with Dr. Townsley, IHS Oklahoma Area Director, reporting he was very impressed with the tremendous progress made by Creek Nation Hospital.

Tarter commented on current services in the areas of OB, Pediatrics, Diabetes, internal medicine and hearing which are available at the CN Clinics. In the future these clinics located in Sapulpa, Eufaula and



Okemah will be utilized primarily as outreach referrals for the hospital. The Okmulgee Clinic will soon have a physician on duty two days a week.

Other types of services to soon be implemented are Hyper Tension (high blood pressure) and Cardiology (heart) Clinics. Also health education toward preventive care programs are planned.

An Alcoholism Program providing services for counseling and detoxification is currently underway and will soon be located at the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah. (See related article this page). Anticipated in the future is a 'Home Health Care' program which will enable licensed skilled nursing care to patients in their homes when medically appropriate.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: As Creek citizens, it is our responsibility to support our tribal government's efforts, just as it is the tribal government's responsibility to implement the most conscientious health care plan available for Creeks. However, only through utilization of these services to the maximum, can we, as Creek people fully realize the extent made available to us!)

## Creek Nation Blood Drive Revealed No Diego B Donors

Martha Crow, Supervisor of the Reference Lab of the Tulsa Chapter of American Red Cross, reported that no donors screened for rare Diego b negative in the September Blood Drive at the Complex were found. However, Ms. Crow reported that out of thirteen donors who filled out forms at the Drive, two were found to have a rare RH phenotype blood type. Ms. Crow explained the rare occurrence of the particular blood type found in American Indians. "In screening a random population of 10,000, only six people would be found to have this rare RH phenotype."

## Alcoholism Program Soon to be Located at Creek Hospital

Outpatient counseling and inpatient detoxification are the goals of the new CN Alcoholism Program soon to be located at the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah.

David Stand, program manager, said most alcoholics are totally unaware that alcoholism is an incurable disease. A person can maintain sobriety for years - then, one drink can set him into a drinking binge.

Stand also noted, "There is probably not an Indian family that has not in one way or another been affected by the alcoholism disease." He said, "A study from the University of New Mexico definitely revealed alcohol is retained in an Indian's blood stream longer than in a non-Indian."

The Alcoholism Program service is available to any Indian, regardless of blood quantum and is another dimension of the CN Medical Program. Participants are taken on a volunteer basis. Family counseling is also available.

Previously, Stand worked with the Cherokee Nation Alcoholism Program for seven years. He commented, "Before an individual can assist an alcoholic, he has to be able to approach the issue on a disease level." He added that the CN program will do whatever it takes: counseling, education or residential detoxification referral, to impress on the Indian alcoholic and their families that the chronic Indian problem of alcoholism can be relieved through participation in the program.



## Birthday Celebration For Bryan Anderson

Bryan Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Anderson, celebrated his third birthday, October 28, in his parent's home in Muskogee. A Halloween theme was carried out in the decorations for the party. A chocolate Batman Cake was served with orange ice cream and drinks.

Attending were his parents, his grandparents, Chub and Pat Anderson of Okemah and Bill and Chris Klutt of Muskogee; Gertrude Anderson; Mr. and Mrs. Derrick Anderson; Joe Klutt, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ishmael and Josh and Terry Drydon. Also attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ketcham and Jessica of Muskogee. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cushman of Catoosa, and Shelly Anderson of Eufaula; Gina Klutt and Evan Anderson of Muskogee.



## Little Kelly Compton Celebrates Birthday

Kelly Compton, daughter of Charles and Maria Compton, Muskogee, celebrated her first birthday, September 12. Kelly's grandparents are Earnestine Henneha of Okemah, and Gloria and Charley Compton of Muskogee. Great-grandmother is Christine Henneha of Okemah and great-great-grandmother is Melissa Tiger of Okemah.



## Aaron Berryhill Birthday Observed

Aaron David Berryhill celebrated his third birthday recently with a birthday party and dinner. Prayer was offered for his protection and guidance. Those attending were: Joe and Esther Bitsouie, Judy Powless, Tonya and Michael Berryhill, Aunt Rita Williams, Grandpa Berryhill, Mom and Dad.

Those sending gifts were Godparents Mr. and Mrs. George Sunny, Barton and Shawn Williams.

Aaron is the son of Rev. Tom and Jean Berryhill, Okmulgee. He is the grandson of Rev. Tom Berryhill, Sr., Henryetta and the late Rev. Willie Wacoche and Mrs. Elizabeth Porter of Muskogee.

## Pete Cosar Candidate For Doctoral Degree

Pete Cosar, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Cosar of Okmulgee, is currently a candidate for a Doctoral degree in the Higher Education Program at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

Cosar was recently presented with two awards for academic achievement, as well; the Outstanding Graduate Student Award for 1984-85 and the Outstanding Dissertation of the Year Award for 1984-85, which was presented to him by the Office of Minority Affairs.

For the past two years, Cosar has served as the coordinator of the University's Native American Dance Series or Pow-wow, the most recent held November 17.

Upon graduating from Okmulgee High School, Cosar attended Southeastern State University in Durant, Oklahoma where he received his Bachelor of Arts and Masters in Education.

Cosar's work experience includes a Jr. High teaching post in Dallas, Indian Studies Instructor and administrative staff of a Tulsa urban Indian center, Indian Studies Instructor at Rogers State University in Claremore, Ok, and Title IV Indian Education Director with the Tahlequah Public Schools in Oklahoma.

A full-blood Creek, Cosar is active in Creek ceremonials and pow-wows. He is a member of the Cussetah Tribal Town and Fox Clan. His Indian name is "Wotkogee."

Cosar resides with his wife, Joann, daughter Kim, 12, and son Pete, 3, in Springdale, Arkansas.

### AMERICAN INDIAN REGISTRY

The American Indian Registry for the Performing Arts published its first newsletter this summer. Plans for publication are to issue it four times a year. The Registry hopes to circulate information about film and television production plans, casting information, Indian theatre seasons, new albums, concert tours, performance by Indian groups, reviews and opinions, and analyses of trends and problems for American Indians in the entertainment fields.

The Registry, a non-profit organization for Indians in the media, is located at 330 Barham Blvd., Suite 308, Los Angeles, CA. 90068



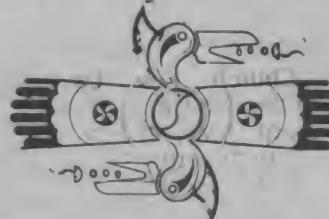
**CONCESSION PROCEEDS BENEFIT EUFAULA DORM CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.** The \$328 proceeds of a concession stand operated by five Creek Nation employees at the Redman Calf Roping competition held recently at the CN Rodeo Arena, will benefit the Christmas Program that is planned for the children of the Eufaula Dormitory. Thanks to Sharalee Bible for organizing the concession and fellow concession workers Chubby Anderson, Thomas Phillips, Kathy Haney and Barbara Dunn for their part in making the fundraiser a success. Thanks also to the CN employees and others who cooked and donated food, money and equipment to the benefit concession stand.

## Kenneth Harjo Promoted V.P. Topeka Kansas Bank

The promotion of Kenneth Harjo to assistant vice-president of the First National Bank of Topeka was announced following the August Board of Directors meeting.

Harjo joined First National Bank in 1978 as Assistant Controller. He will continue his responsibilities in this position. Harjo is a graduate of Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, OK, where he received his degree in Accounting and Business Administration.

Harjo's wife, Marsha, is employed by Cook Oil Co. They are parents of two children. Harjo is the son of Suzanne Harjo of Henryetta and the late Eugene Harjo.



## Anderson Reunion Held September 15

The Anderson Reunion was held on September 15, a good time was had by all and the prayer was given by Betty Lord of Pryor.

Those attending the reunion from the Okmulgee area were: Brent Andrew Anderson, Tom Harrell Jr., Jimmie Jeremiah, Vicki Jeremiah, Anthony Jeremiah, J.J. Jeremiah, Christopher Jeremiah, Nikole Taylor, Margie Harrell, Bea Bruner, Walter Bruner, Brenda Materson, Christopher Materson, Toni Materson, Samantha Materson, Cindy Bruner, Rufus Bruner, Denise Bruner, Leslie Bruner, LuAnn Blevins, Jason Blevins, and Janella Blevins.

Bill James, Gertrude Huntley, Christina Carey and Chyla Carey all from Tahlequah. Wanda Ruth Grudon and Anna Moore from Derby, Kansas, Stella and Virginia Bruner from Beggs, Ok. Ruth Smith, Tommy Smith and Jason Smith from Sand Springs, Ok. and Betty Jean Lord from Pryor, Ok.

## Indian Women Enjoy Fashions

By Ethel Torres

"Fantabulous" would be the best word to describe the Indian "Summer Fashion" Show held at Fire Lodge, the Pottawatami Complex at Shawnee. A full house enjoyed seeing some of the most beautiful dresses I have ever seen at one time.

The event was a fund raiser for the coming Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant and the many philanthropic activities of the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women (OFIW), for Indians all over the state.

Judy Lewis and Florence Tims announced the opening at this time for the Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant, which will culminate in February at the International Bldg. at the Oklahoma City State Fair grounds, combined with a Pow wow.

## DRESS FROM THRIFT STORE

By Wilma Elizabeth McDaniels

Time to clean out your spirit  
all need Easter clothes Katie  
buy this purple dress  
from a winter soul  
someone who could not  
believe  
that spring would come  
again

put it on this minute  
thin dress with faded  
armpits  
originally  
cost a woman in Dallas  
plenty  
ignore the stains  
don't raise your arms

Walk demurely  
something very hard for  
you  
and carry this broken  
umbrella  
though it doesn't look like  
rain  
lean on it  
if you are tempted to raise  
your arms  
and salute the world  
and have it blackball you  
for the rest of your life



# OBITUARIES

## JESS FREEMAN

Funeral services for Jess Freeman, 78, were conducted Tuesday, October 23, at the Newtown United Methodist Church. Rev. Patrick Freeman and Rev. Thomas Long officiated the service, under the direction of Rev. Willie Gooden.

Interment was in the Okmulgee cemetery. Pallbearers were grandsons. The family requests memorials to the American Diabetes Association.

Mr. Freeman died October 19 in the Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. He was born July 8, 1906 in Okmulgee Indian Territory. He retired from DX Sunoco Oil Co. in 1964. He was a longtime Okmulgee resident, a member of CIMA Museum in Okmulgee, charter member of the Council of Indians, conference lay leader of the United Indian Methodist Church, Creek Nation Council, and a member of Newtown United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Alexander Freeman, two daughters, Donna Faye Rhodes, Tulsa, and Mary Arkeketa, of Sand Springs, six sons, Richard and John Freeman of Tulsa, Patrick, Kansas City, Ks., Jesse Freeman, Jr., Moore, Theodore and Everette Freeman, Washington, William E. Freeman, Tahlequah. Three sisters; Eliza Mae Hicks, Henryetta, Ida Sparks, Altus, and Joanne Stand, Tulsa; three brothers; Andrew Freeman, Coweta, Ispacher Freeman, Claremore, Ruben Freeman, Sand Springs, 24 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

## MARGARETT FREEMAN

Funeral services for Mrs. Margarett Alexander Freeman were conducted Thursday, November 15 at Newtown United Methodist Church. Thomas Long and Patrick Freeman officiated. Mrs. Freeman was preceded in death 23 days by her husband Jess.

Interment was in the Okmulgee Cemetery. Pallbearers were Richard Freeman, Patrick Freeman, Jesse Freeman, Jr. Ted Freeman, and Bill Freeman.

Wake services were conducted at 7 p.m. November 14 at the Newtown Church with William Alexander and Willie Goodin officiating.

Mrs. Freeman died November 12 in Tulsa. She was born July 18, 1910 in Wetumka. She was a member of the Newtown United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, past president of the Oklahoma Indian Womens Conference. She was preceded in death by her husband Jesse Freeman.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Rhodes, Tulsa, and Mary Arkeketa, Sand Springs; five sons, Richard and John Freeman, Tulsa, Patrick Freeman, Kansas City, Kansas, Jesse Freeman, Jr., Moore, and Theodore Freeman, Everett, Wash., one sister, Elouise Long, Oklahoma City; two brothers, William Alexander, Oakhurst, Ok., and George (Toby) Alexander, Lamar, Okla; a half-brother, Henry Harjo, Wichita, Kan., 24 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

## BLANCHE BERRYHILL

Funeral services for Blanche Berryhill, 68, were conducted October 15 at the Shurden Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Thomas Berryhill, Jr. officiated the service.

Interment was in the Berryhill family cemetery.

Mrs. Berryhill died October 11, at her home. She was born August 26, 1916 at Shulter. She was affiliated with the Higher Dimension Evangelistic Center in Tulsa. She married Tom Berryhill June 26, 1938 in Okemah.

Survivors include her husband, Tom Berryhill, of the home, four sons, Thomas Berryhill, Jr., Okmulgee, Michael Berryhill, Henryetta, Perry Berryhill, Coweta, Elliot Berryhill, Colorado. One daughter, Rita Williams of Henryetta. Two sisters, Pauline Billy, Schulter, Helen Poole, California and nine grandchildren.

## ELLA HICKS

Funeral services were conducted for Ella Hicks, 80, October 27, at the Shurden Funeral Home. Rev. Bridge Chuckluk Jr., officiated the service. Interment was in the Senora Cemetery.

Mrs. Hicks of Rt. 2, Henryetta, died October 24 in the Henryetta Medical Center. She was born December 9, 1903 in Okemah. She was a member of the Silver Springs Baptist Church, and was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Hicks, August 1, 1958.

Survivors include four sons, Henry Hicks, Shawnee, George Hicks, Dewar, Houston Hicks, Henryetta, B.R. Hicks, Beggs, two sisters, Sarah Hicks, Castle, and Annie Bear, Okemah, 24 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

## ALICE LEE

Funeral services for Alice Lee, 65 were conducted Monday November 5 at the Hickory Ground 2 Indian Baptist Church. Rev. Louis Bible officiated the service.

Interment was in the Hickory Ground Church cemetery.

Mrs. Lee was a resident of Henryetta and died November 1 at the Henryetta Medical Center. She was born December 1, 1918 and was a member of the Hickory Ground 2 Indian Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Solomon Lee December 30, 1979.

Survivors include three sons, Solomon Lee Jr., Lawton, Sidney Lee, Henryetta, and Simeon Lee of Oklahoma City. Six daughters, Shirley Hill, and Suzanne Randall, Shawnee, Samaron Jackson, Sharon and Sandra Frazier, all of Moore, and Sylvia Tulsa, Henryetta, 27 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## NOAH FRY

Funeral services for Noah Fry, 73, were conducted on Thursday, November 8 at the Timmy Thompson home, south of Salem with Rev. Roley Haynes officiating.

Mr. Fry, Route Two, Henryetta, died at his residence November 5. He was born October 22, 1911, in McIntosh County. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army, and a retired farmer. Survivors include four brothers: Harbie, Loney, Sarty and Sam Fry, Jr., all of Henryetta. One sister, Bessie Fife, Henryetta and several nieces and nephews.

## Creek Combat Veteran Dies

Riley Roman Bruner, 63, died August 29 in a Dallas Veteran's Hospital. Bruner was a highly decorated combat veteran of three major military conflicts and a prisoner-of-war.

Wounded once in World War II, once in Vietnam and a prisoner of war for 33 months in Korea, Bruner was seriously injured in 1971 fighting in Vietnam. He has served in 18 campaigns in time of war.

Bruner was born January 15, 1921 one mile east of the old Carson school. He joined the U.S. Army early in his life and remained in the service of his country until retirement. Upon leaving the Army, he became a resident of Irving, Texas. He and his wife, Josefa, made their home there until his death. In March, 1970, Bruner was recalled to active duty with the 31st Infantry Regiment in Chu Lai in a landing zone near the border of Laos.

On December 12, 1971, he was wounded and lay in the rain for eight hours before he could be evacuated by a supply helicopter. He was then to spend months in Brooke Army General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, Texas before being returned to retired status in June, 1972.

Because of his illustrious military career, which included being captured by Communist forces in Korea, escaping and then being recaptured and confined as a POW for 33 months, Bruner received numerous awards and commendations. Among them; the prestigious Combat Infantryman's Badge three times, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with "V" Device, the Purple Heart (with the Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation, and 27 other awards and decorations.

Foreign decorations that Bruner has received include; Croix De Guerre Avec Etoile (French), De Bronze (French) which is the Cross of War with Bronze Star, Presidential Unit Citation Freedom Medal (Korea) and the Presidential Unit Citation (Vietnam).

Bruner is survived by his wife, Josefa, Irving, Texas; father Roman Bruner, Carson, Ok.; two brothers, Raymond Bruner, Wetumka, and Jewel Bruner, Carson and one sister, Lillie Mae Myers, Chandler, Ariz; three uncles, seven aunts, and cousins, nieces and nephews. One brother, Eugene, preceded him in death.



## HOME AT LAST

Your loved ones gone away and entered through the door that leads to peace and rest love, for now and evermore

And may your consolation be in memories of the past, and in the thought that the one you love has journeyed home at last.

I am in sincere sympathy with those of you that have lost loved ones.

By Mrs. Lucy Yahola



## McGilbray's Write Letter to Creeks

Note: MNN received this letter from Rev. Lawrence McGilbray of Lawrence, Kansas to share with our readers.

Rev. Jacob Ray McGilbray born Haskell, Ok to John and Lizzie (Smith) McGilbray. Reared by Rufus and Lena Cummings in the Hanna community west of Eufaula, Ok. He attended Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas, graduating High School 1945, entered the military service 82nd Airborne Division for three years. Attended Bacone College, Muskogee Ok. and earned a bachelors and masters degree from the University of Oklahoma. He coached at Blanchard High School Riverside Indian School, Anadarko, Ok where he met and married Virginia Sahmaunt. They both taught twenty years on the Navajo Reservation at various Bureau of Indian Affairs schools in Arizona and New Mexico.

Ray ended his career of thirty-two years in 1982 as school administrator of the Eufaula Dormitory, Eufaula, Ok.

Ray was ordained a United Methodist Minister June 6, 1982. He and his wife were assigned to the Lawrence Indian United Methodist Church at 950 E. 21st, Lawrence. Currently Ray is a member of the Lawrence Ministerial Alliance, assigned to the city's emergency Service Council, serves on the Board of Directors of the Lawrence Indian Center, member of the Douglas County Mental Health Association and is an active member of the Haskell Alumni Assoc. Serves on the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference as chairperson on the committee on Finance and Administration, Board member of the National United Methodist Native American Center, OCU, Oklahoma City.

Both Ray and Virginia have been active in the United Methodist church on the local, district, conference and national levels for many years.

Ray comments that God has been planning his life all along also that there is not such thing as retirement. Virginia says its a blessing to be doing what one has always wanted to do on a fulltime basis. They make their home at 2045 Haskell Ave., Lawrence, KS 66044.



# Creek National Council Approved Minutes, August 25, 1984

## INVOCATION: Helen Chupco

**CALL TO ORDER:** Carney Roberts, Speaker. The Speaker advised that a public hearing was being held/conducted by Ron Froman, Executive Director, for the Housing Authority of the Creek Nation. **SUBJECT: HOUSING FOR THE CREEK NATION AREA.** Mr. Froman entertained questions from the Council. The hearing having been held and discussion closed, Mr. Froman turned the meeting back to the Speaker. The Speaker called the meeting back to order.

**ROLL CALL:** A quorum was declared with fourteen members being present, all business transacted during this session would be considered valid and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

**READING OF MINUTES:** Corrections or amendments to minutes of June 30, 1984. Need correction made on Page 9 in the voting results, last paragraph: 12 in favor, 2 no, Thomas and Fox voted no. Chair entertained a motion to approve minutes of June 30, 1984 as amended. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: thirteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried to approve minutes of June 30, 1984. Corrections or amendments to minutes of July 28, 1984. Helen Chupco had a question on minutes and asked to listen to tape. Corrections or amendments to minutes of August 14, 1984. The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of August 14, 1984. Upon a motion made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twelve in favor, none against and one abstention that being Larry Bible. Motion carried to approve minutes of August 14, 1984.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A. Message of the Principal Chief returning NCA 84-43 to the National Council with objections. The message was read as follows:

I. Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee Nation, hereby return NCA-84-43, entitled "organizing the office of the National Council and clarifying the status of the "legislative administrator", to the National Council with objections as follows: **OBJECTION ONE: THE CREATION OF SUBORDINATE OFFICES AND STAFF POSITIONS WITHIN THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH IS IN VIOLATION OF THE MUSCOGE (CREEK) CONSTITUTION.** Under Article V of the Constitution, the Principal Chief was required to create and organize the Executive Branch to administer the entire operations of the tribal government. This constitutional requirement has been satisfied and the effectiveness and efficiency of the organization continues to receive national attention. In contract to Article V of the Constitution, Article VI allows but one position for the Legislative Branch and does not authorize the creation of subordinate offices. The only position allowed by the Constitution is that of secretary whose compensation is established by ordinance. **OBJECTION TWO: LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS ARE VESTED IN MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AND MAY NOT BE DELEGATED.** While the Constitution allows the Principal Chief to delegate certain authority for the operation of tribal government, legislative functions cannot be delegated. Legislative systems within the National Council, specifically the committee system, allow sufficient mechanisms for legislative research, draft legislation, and other activities to be performed by the members of the legislative body. **OBJECTION THREE: THE CREATION OF LEGISLATIVE SUBORDINATE OFFICES DUPLICATES EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS VESTED IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.** A basic component of a functioning government is that all branches work for the common good without duplication of effort and costs. The Constitution requires that executive powers be vested in the Office of the Principal Chief. These powers include governmental administration and program services. Also included within the executive responsibility are such systems as personnel, purchasing, cash management, fund disbursement, and other administrative functions. As written, the ordinance proposed a duplication of activities within the Legislative branch which are constitutional responsibilities of the Executive Branch. **RECOMMENDATIONS:** NCA 84-43 not only is in violation of the Constitution, but also proposes needless duplications within this government. Inasmuch as this ordinance cannot be implemented by either governmental branch, no further action is warranted. Further, this tribal government is but one government, with executive services readily available to the entire entity. It is recommended that communications be established between governmental units which will enable all branches to take better advantages of existing resources. Therefore, NCA 84-43, is hereby returned unsigned as a veto in accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Signed Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, August 9, 1984. The Chair entertained a discussion. Joe Fox proposed a over-ride of Message. Thomas read Sections 101 and 102 and stated that this was also budgeted and approved. Cloud proposed that we get an opinion of the courts and not just that one opinion of one member of the Supreme Court. Thomas said that we do need a parliamentarian. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Thomas to table the veto for sixty days. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: ten in favor, four against, and no abstentions. Those against were: Fox, Cleghorn, McIntosh and Burden. Motion carried to table veto message for sixty days.

**NEW BUSINESS: 8A. A BILL APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF THE HOUSING THE CREEK NATION OF OKLAHOMA FOR PROGRAM RESERVATION AND FOR PRELIMINARY LOAN OF MUTUAL HELP HOUSING.** The Bill was read and considered as follows: **Section 101. FINDINGS: THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FINDS THAT:** A. It is the policy of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to eliminate substandard and other inadequate housing for its members, and to realize as soon as feasible the goal of a decent home in a suitable living environment for all its members. B. Under provisions of the United States Housing Act 1937, the Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to provide financial assistance to local public housing agencies for undertaking and carrying out preliminary planning of mutual help housing projects that will assist in meeting this goal. C. The Housing Authority of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma is a public Housing Agency and has advised the Muscogee (Creek) National Council the legislative component of the governing body of the Muscogee Nation that is applying to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program reservation of mutual help housing. D. A public hearing has jointly been held on August 25, 1984 by the Housing Authority of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma and the Muscogee National Council to consider the need to develop and construct mutual help housing in order to determine local need for mutual help housing to meet the needs not being adequately met by private enterprise. E. The Housing Authority of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma has advised the Muscogee (Creek) National Council of the need to apply for a preliminary loan to cover the costs of surveys and planning in connection with the development of the Mutual Help Low Income Housing. **Section 102. Results of Public Hearing.** Following the public hearing held on August 25, 1984 described in Section 101 (d) the National Council declares the following results: A. There exists in the operation area of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation a need for mutual help housing within the means of low income families. B. It is the public interest to undertake the development of and construction of seventy-five (75) mutual help housing units three (3) separate applications, as follows: (1) Three applications for twenty-five units each. **Section 103.** The Housing Authority of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma is hereby authorized to make application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a Program Reservation for the development and construction of three mutual help housing projects,

not to exceed seventy-five dwelling units. **Section 104.** The Housing Authority of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma is hereby authorized to make application for preliminary loan in the amount not to exceed \$4,000 per unit for surveys and planning in connection with the developments of three mutual help housing projects not to exceed seventy-five dwelling units. The Chair entertained a motion to approve Bill as read. A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Dunn to approve Bill 8A as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fourteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried Bill 8A was read and approved and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

**8B. A BILL MODIFYING THE BUDGET OF THE OFFICE OF THE GAMING COMMISSIONER WAS READ AND CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:** (A) (1) (d), by deleting the present language and substituting in its place the following provisions: Secretary... delete \$3,500 and add in its place \$2,850; Fringe... delete \$2,835 and add in its place \$3,235; Travel... delete \$4,750 and add in its place \$3,750 and add "Operation Auditor" (Sept. 4, to 30-1984 at \$1,250. Section 102, NCA 84-12 as amended is further amended at Section 101 (A) (1) (a) by combining "Travel and the Office Space and Expense" line items. **Section 103.** The Secretary shall execute an original copy of NCA 84-12 as amended by this Ordinance and the Speaker and the Principal Chief shall sign the amended Ordinance. The Chair entertained a motion to approve Bill 8B as read. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Dunn to approve Bill 8B as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried Bill 8B was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

## ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

The Chair entertained a motion to place items for consideration on agenda. A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Bible to place items for consideration on the Agenda. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried Bill 8D was approved to be placed on the Agenda. **8D A BILL APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A ONE TON TRUCK FROM THOMAS McINTOSH WAS READ AS FOLLOWS:** Section 102. The Principal Chief is authorized to purchase a one-ton 1983 Chevrolet truck from Thomas McIntosh. Section 102. An amount to be totaled \$9,700 is hereby authorized from previously appropriated funds from the FY 1984 Tribal Budget. Capital Acquisition or Tribal Programs line items. The Chair entertained a motion to approve Bill 8D as read. A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Dunn to approve Bill 8D as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in favor, none against, two abstentions: those being Johnson and McIntosh. Motion carried Bill 8D was approved and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Amendment to the Rules of Procedures for the National Council of the Muscogee Nation. **AMENDMENT:** In rule 5, Add a new paragraph, G., to read as follows: G. A quorum for any Committee to conduct business shall be a majority of its membership. Ex-officio members shall not be considered in determination of a quorum. A lesser number may conduct hearings, schedule a meeting for another date, establish the agenda for the next meeting, and adjourn. Amendment to the Rules of Procedures was approved by a unanimous vote of approval.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, ETC.** The Council is invited to take a trip to Pawhuska to view/inspect the Mutual Help Housing of the Osage Nation. Leave the Complex at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday August 29, 1984. Planning Session will be September 12, 1984 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote of approval. **Benediction:** Jonas Dunson.

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(2) Are you able to read blue prints?

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(4) Have you operated a forklift before?

(5) Would you be interested in working for a truck trailer manufacturer?

(6) Have you worked for a truck trailer manufacturer before?

If yes, for whom and when did you work?

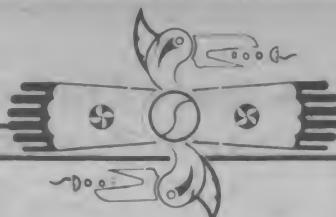
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## National Health Care Cutbacks Threaten CN

By Helen Chalakee

Recent economic situations concerning health care cut-backs have forced Creek Nation to establish a new policy for Contract Health Care (Specialty Care) funds. Authorization for these funds will now be taken care of at the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah.

Buddy LaCrone, CNCH Chief of Staff, explained the new policy as... "not taking away from the people, rather a move to improve what we already have." He explained that the Contract Health Care funds, sometimes referred to as 'Specialty Care', were of a limited resource. "Therefore, it has become necessary to limit their use. In order to provide quality care, some changes have to occur, one of them being, a more closely monitored referral system," he said.

LaCrone has been with the Creek Hospital almost since its beginning. He commented on the importance of the Indian people first seeking medical attention at their own hospital. He said, "CNCH was designed and implemented for Indian people. The patients who come here are known personally by the staff. We've seen them throughout the year. He added, "Our capabilities for helping them here at CNCH are both medically and financially, far greater, than any other facility can offer. If we determine a patient needs to be referred for extreme specialty care, then we do not hesitate to deny them that privilege out of Contract Care funds."

Gary Tarter, CNCH Administrator, cited a recent Tulsa World article reporting a local hospital administrator saying, "Government payments from 'unprofitable patients' such as the elderly and unemployed just don't cover cost." Tarter commented on the economic crisis many of our neighboring hospitals and medical facilities are now experiencing, "As in any business, the medical profession is in strong competition for your patronage. Many small hospitals are in a desperate financial crunch. Some of

them are closing or have been put up for sale. This has happened because of the stricter regulations imposed on physicians and facilities. Hospital occupancy has fallen to a minimum. He stated, "Private hospital and physician costs across the U.S. have escalated to the point MediCare and other government health care programs, along with private insurance, were compelled to enforce more strident admittance standards. When this happened, fewer patients qualified for hospitalization."

Dr. LaCrone commented, "In the near future, if a private institution doubts your ability to pay, you will be treated (eventually), but not with the timeliness and consideration you once

received when these places felt sure the 'Indian Dept.' would pay your bill." He added, "Most patients have the false assumption that 'private' physicians give quality care. A large majority of your 'private physicians' were once Army doctors, or worked for Public Health Service or Indian Health Service..."

He explained the CNCH work force, expenses. So, obviously we do have an are not serving pay-back time to any federal organization for our education expense. So, obviously we do have an incentive for being here. At this hospital, we have the flexibility to obtain whatever kind of physician is needed for expert health care. All of the staff here are dedicated and

capable - or else they wouldn't be here."

Now, more than ever is the time for Indians to unite for the cause of self-sufficiency. It isn't a good thing to be sick, but if we are...let's use our Creek hospital and clinics, keep that portion of our money circulating to our advantage. Dr. LaCrone surmised, "I get very enthusiastic when I think about Indian patients funneling money back into the hospital. The outcome will be better services than they can get from any other facility..."

If we put back into what we, as a tribal government, are building - a comprehensive health care system - our future can only be reserved for excellent health care.

## Merry Christmas



PRINCIPAL CHIEF CLAUDE COX held a position of honor in Okmulgee's Annual festive Christmas Parade held November 29th. The historic Creek Council House on the Town Square, festooned with Christmas boughs and lights, was the center of the downtown holiday celebration. Activities included an Indian fashion show, a one-man Indian art show, and reception. Miss Indian Oklahoma, Leslie Baricello, Creek, accompanied Chief Cox in the parade.

### REVENUE SHARING PUBLIC NOTICE

THE CREEK NATION HAS SUBMITTED ITS REPORT ON THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURES OF REVENUE SHARING FUNDS TO THE BUREAU OF CENSUS. THIS REPORT AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURY, CREEK NATION COMPLEX, FROM 8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM MONDAY, DECEMBER 17 THROUGH THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1985.



### Dear MNN,

I am a California convict in the state prison at Soledad. My name is Leo Paul Anderson and I would like to know if you people can help me trace down some of my ancestry. I read in your newspaper of the Solomon Anderson Reunion being held in September.

If you folks there can be kind enough to help me get into contact with these Andersons to find out any information on my background, would truly be appreciative.

Thank you for the MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS.

P.S. Our prayers for Jesse Wood and his mother and family.

Respectfully Yours,  
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### Winter Pow wow Planned by OFIW

The Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women (OFIW) has scheduled its annual Winter Powwow for February 16, 1985 at the International Building at the Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City. The "Penny a Vote" contest winner will be crowned the 1985 Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma.

For further information on the contest and the powwow, contact Shirley Wapskineh at 515 SE 45th, Oklahoma City, Ok 73129 or call (405) 632-5227.

### Sapulpa Head Start Taking Enrollment

The Sapulpa Headstart Center Creek Nation's newest center, is currently open for school and is still taking applications for enrollment, according to CN Headstart Program Director Jan Lee.

The Center is located at 500 S. Adams in Sapulpa and is taking enrollment of children ages 3-5 at the Center. For more information contact Vickie Haug or Mattie Long at (918) 227-4931.

The Creek Nation operates two other Headstart Centers - one at Yeager and Eufaula.



### Kunawv Yahola Birthday Celebrated

Kunawv E. Yahola celebrated her fifth birthday on November 24, 1984 at her home, with a birthday party of ice cream and cake. Her parents are Roman Yahola and Earnestine Henneha of Okemah, OK.

### LAND ALLOTMENT MAPS FOR SALE!

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### School Clothes Grants Posted

The Creek Nation Social Services Dept. has announced the following requirements for the school clothing grant: 1) the child must be an enrolled member of the Creek Nation with a citizenship card, 2) the child must be enrolled in grades 1-12 only, 3) a verification of school enrollment must be supplied by the child or parents - this consists of a statement by the Principal verifying enrollment.

Those children who have received a clothing grant previously, are not eligible for this grant.

The locations and dates are listed as follows: (Wagoner County) Coweta Indian Community Center, December 17-1:30 p.m.; (Muskogee County) Fife Memorial Church, Muskogee, December 17-9:00 a.m.; (Tulsa County) Native American Coalition, 1740 W. 41st St., Tulsa - December 21, 9:30 a.m.; (Creek County) Sapulpa Indian Clinic-January 4, 9:30 a.m.; (McIntosh County) Eufaula Dormitory, Eufaula-January 14, 10:00 a.m.; (Hughes County) Community Action Office, 416 E. Poplar, Holdenville-January 21-10:00 a.m.; (Okfuskee County) Creek Nation Hospital, Okemah-January 28-9:30 a.m.; (Okmulgee County) Okmulgee Indian Community Center-February 4, 9:00 a.m.

People living outside the Creek Nation boundaries will be handled by mail only. Please send verification of child's tribal and school enrollment with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Pat Frank, Creek Nation Social Services, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok 74421.

No applications will be taken at the Creek Nation Complex.

### Birthday Party For Christopher Dunn

Christopher Dunn celebrated his fifth birthday November 28, 1984 at his grandmother's home in Morris. He is the son of George and Barbara Dunn, and the grandson of Joan Dunn and Eliza and Roy Sanders. Celebrating his birthday with him were his relatives and friends.

### Creek Calendars

The Creek Indian Calendar Company now have their 1985 calendars for sale. The price is \$3.00 which includes postage and handling. Write to Creek Indian Calendar Company, 603 W. Yucchee, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447.

### -NOTICE- Creek Original Allottees

Muscogee (Creek) Original Allottees are urged to contact the Creek Nation Citizenship Board for verification of a current address. Original Allottees are those Creeks who were allotted land in the early 1900's by the Dawes Commission.

### COMMODITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION LOCATIONS

First & Third Tuesday of Every Month  
Holdenville-Community Action Bldg.  
Coweta-Cedar Creek Church  
Glenpool - Indian Mission

JANUARY  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 1 & 15  
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 1 & 15  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. 1 & 15

Second & Fourth Tuesday  
Hanna - Vernon Community Center  
Ryal-Yardeka Community Center  
Wilson - Warehouse  
Dewar - Warehouse  
Morris - Warehouse  
Weleetka - Community Center

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 8 & 22  
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First & Third Wednesday  
Castle - Indian Community Center  
Buckeye - (\*\*) Buckeye Indian Church

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 2 & 16  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. 2 & 16

First & Third Thursday  
Stidham - Big Arbor  
Eufaula - IHS Parking Lot  
Bristow - Muttleloke Ind. Meth.  
Kellyville - Community Center  
Twin Hills - Warehouse

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 3 & 17  
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Second & Fourth Thursday  
Yeager - Yeager Mission Church  
Checotah - C.N. Day Care Center  
Wetumka - Community Center

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. 10 & 24  
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 10 & 24  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. 10 & 24



## Aging Council Cites Year's Achievements

I would like to inform our Indian people of the work and progress on behalf of Oklahoma Indian elderly, that our organization, the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging (OICA) has accomplished this past year.

The OICA has co-hosted the National Indian Conference on Aging held in Tulsa, our members have been in attendance at the State Minority Task Force meetings, we have been in attendance at the Intertribal meetings held in South Dakota, and have joined the following organizations, in which we have voting privileges; Oklahoma Alliance on Aging, the AARP (one OICA member is on the Executive Committee of that organization), the Southwest Society on Aging, the National Association for Transportation Alternatives.

We have also spoken at state, regional and national meetings to make the general public more aware of the plight, problems and progress of Indian elderly, and as Chairman of OICA, I have sat on a Special Unit on Aging committee that was appointed by the Governor.

We have given technical assistance to tribes that have wanted to apply for Title VI of the Older Americans Act, hoping that we would raise the number of grantees in this state from fourteen to twenty-five.

It is our plan to involve ourselves as a Triple A agency in Oklahoma pending state support and funding. We have been very successful this past sixth year of our operation, in opening the doors to state programs that benefit Indian elderly.

OICA has also recognized the fact that all elderly concerns benefit not only our Indian people, but all elderly as well, and because of this, we are aligning ourselves with other organizations advocating elderly concerns.

In looking down the road for this coming year, there are harder times coming because of the federal deficit and domestic programs cutback that will adversely affect the poor and elderly, but we are going to continue to advocate and fight for our Indian elderly.



ADVOCATING THE RIGHTS OF OKLAHOMA INDIAN ELDERLY is the primary objective of the Oklahoma Indian Council of Aging. The officers of the organization include (left to right) Chairman - Steve Wilson, Creek Nation, Member-at-large - Albin Leadingfox, Pawnee, Vice-Chairman - Patricia Woods, Chickasaw, Treasurer - Sam Stool, Jr., Cherokee, and Secretary - Judith Perry, Choctaw.

## High Stakes Indian Bingo Creates National Controversy

High stakes bingo operations have been sprouting out all over Indian country these days - and U.S. newspapers are writing about them. One of the many articles that have appeared recently was in the Philadelphia Inquirer. Reporter James McGregor noted in a recent article that ever since a country sheriff tried, and failed, to stop the bingo games that were going on in a Seminole Indian Tribe bingo hall in Florida, the way has been cleared for Indian tribes across the nation to offer high stakes bingo on their reservations.

Tribal sovereignty makes the games immune to most civil regulatory laws. McGregor said more than 80 bingo halls have been started in the past five years on reservations from Florida to Washington to Maine. Not only is this creating new Indian millionaires he said, it is also bringing in revenue that is needed for other investments for Indian communities. In the article McGregor mentions a statement attributed to Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary John Fritz: "I'm very proud of what the tribes have done with this money - they are not throwing it to the wind. We're going to have some

sophisticated young Indians coming out of this thing." The money has given Indians some new-found political clout," says McGregor.

He claims the Seminoles have become the largest corporate political contributor in Florida and that Indian lobbyists in Arizona defeated legislation aimed at stopping the Indian bingo games. The Inquirer article featured bingo operations in Florida, Arizona, Minnesota, California, New York, North Carolina, and Washington.

## Bibliography Available On Indian Health and Disease

A bibliography covering American Indian health and disease for a ten year period between 1969 and 1979 is now available through the Indian Health Service (IHS). It was prepared by Dr. James Justice, senior epidemiologist with IHS and his colleagues at the IHS office of research and development in Tucson, Arizona.

Copies may be obtained from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Attn. Sales Dept., Springfield, Virginia, 22161 for \$19. The order number is HRP-090-4586.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO CREEKS!

One of the things we can be most proud of this year is contracting the Eufaula Dormitory, now the Creek Nation Boarding School. One hundred Indian students from grade one through 12 reside at the school. I don't know of any project that has touched so many of our Creek people as working with these youth.

For the first time, we as a tribe can provide for their well being and education. Many of the tribal employees and tribal members have donated much of their time and money to see these kids have a pleasant and joyous Christmas season. I want to thank each and every one for your donations.

I expect the approaching year to bring exciting advances to the Creeks in many areas we have not yet experienced. A 'Special Benefit' program for the original allottees will enable them to meet their needs a little more easily. The Creek Nation Hospital is expanding services to take care of our people's needs in a time when other health programs and facilities across the Country are in a financial crisis.

The Bingo operation is bringing in returns to be programmed in areas which will be most beneficial to the Creek people in direct services. We are experiencing the blessings of God to the Indian people. Let us keep the true meaning of Christmas in our hearts throughout this Holiday Season!

**Merry Christmas!  
Muscogee (Creek)  
Principal Chief  
CLAUDE A. COX**

## Bacone College Offers Indian Leadership Scholarships

Leadership Scholarships for American Indian students displaying academic achievement and strong leadership potential are available for the Spring 1985 semester at Bacone College in Muskogee.

The special scholarships will cover all tuition costs. Books, fees, room and board and incidental expenses are not covered.

To apply for the scholarship, the student should complete an application for admission to Bacone; apply for the Leadership Scholarship; complete a financial aid form; and apply for a Bureau of Indian Affairs or tribal grant, to be submitted according to BIA procedures.

The student should also submit two letters of recommendation from teachers or school administrators, and write an essay or resume to provide a self-assessment of his or her probable success in college and as a future leader.

Special review will be given to ACT or SAT scores, high school academic performance, and special recognition and awards earned while in high school.

For more information on the scholarships, contact the Office of Financial Aid, or the Office of Recruitment, Bacone College, Muskogee, Ok. 74403 or call 918-683-4581.



# McIntosh's Restaurant Braves Winter Storm!

By Kathryn Bell

McIntosh's Restaurant, located in a cozy nook in a busy Tulsa shopping center, is understandably Indian, as in the familiar name of McIntosh.

The restaurant is owned and operated by Randy McIntosh, son of Chinubbie and Nancy McIntosh, and grandson of "Dode" McIntosh, colorful former Creek chief.

The restaurant's Indian decor, complete with wall-sized reproductions of the Great Seals of the Five Civilized Tribes, plus a menu of hearty fare, make the restaurant a unique place to dine for breakfast or lunch.

Opening at 6:30 a.m., for the hungry, early morning crowd, the restaurant serves breakfast until 11:00 when the lunch crowd of regulars and shoppers filed in to savor McIntosh's luncheon specialty - 6 and 10 oz. charburgers stuffed with green peppers, onions and cheese.

Other menu items include chicken fried steak, boneless breast of chicken, and other favorites including a sumptuous Baked Potatoe Bar.

The restaurant has been doing a healthy business since it's opening only one month ago, according to McIntosh, who was self-employed in the heating and air-conditioning business, before he came to the conclusion that there was too much competition in that business to survive, but "if you cook and serve good food and give good service - you don't have any competition!" he quipped.

On the day of the interview, which corresponded with Tulsa's first snow

storm, Chinubbie, the loyal father that he is, braved the hazardous roads, a consequent pile-up in ditch, from which he walked away to get help, to come to the aid of his son, who was left without kitchen help due to the weather. Chinubbie dutifully donned an apron and was soon dispensing cheerful greetings and steaming cups of coffee to the large, and growing breakfast crowd, who were seemingly oblivious to the disastrous weather.

Meanwhile Randy, who does the cooking for the restuarant, had stationed himself in the kitchen, busily but methodically turning out mountains of flap jacks and delicately-manuevered fluffy, herculean-sized omelettes. (Editors Note: These two reporters must admit that in the heat of the breakfast rush, we too, took a few turns at the coffee urn (and much to the chagrin of the customers, served them hot tea instead of coffee!) as well as heartily volunteering to plunge into the relatively-unknown kitchen area into moutains of dishes!). Later, as the McIntosh's thanked us for our "help" and we quickly deposited our aprons, and prepared to make a quick exit before the onslaught of the lunch crowd, both enthusiastically declared that this had been there largest breakfast ever.(However, we declined to wait and see howlarge the lunch crowd would be)...!

McIntosh's, open from 6:30 to 2:30, is located at 21st & Garnett in the southeast corner of Executive Mall.

Randy McIntosh and wife, Lynn and two sons, Jason, 6, and Phillip, 2, make their home in Tulsa.



RANDY MCINTOSH, OWNER OF MCINTOSH'S RESTAURANT is also the Head Cook for the restaurant which is renowned for it's hearty Oklahoma breakfast menu and crowd-pleasing luncheon fare which features a 10 oz. charburger stuffed with green peppers, onions and cheese.

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OPENING CEREMONIES AT THE CREEK NATION BINGO HALL found Principal Chief Claude Cox and former Chief, Dode McIntosh (background) visiting with Washington BIA dignitaries Hazel Elbert, left, and Secretary of Indian Affairs John Fritz. Chief Cox's daughter, Cogee Keith, is shown in foreground.



## Scholarship Emergency Aid Available For American Indian College Students

The Association on American Indian Affairs announced today the expansion of its emergency aid scholarship program for American Indian and Alaska Native college students.

The Association's scholarship program, which has tripled in size since 1979, served approximately 100 students last year. This latest expansion will allow the Association to aid dozens of additional applicants this year with grants of up to \$300 for emergency educational needs.

"The Association is pleased to be able to offer more assistance to Indian college students at a time when other sources of aid are cutting back," said Executive Director Steven Unger.

While the emergency scholarships are not intended to cover major educational costs, they nevertheless fulfill a critical need, Unger explained. "For the student with a 50-mile daily commute to campus who suddenly develops car trouble, \$100 to repair the car can mean the practical difference between continuing in school and having to give up," he said.

The Association on American Indian Affairs, headquartered in New York City, is a private, non-profit, national citizen's organization that assists American Indian and Alaska Native communities throughout the nation in their efforts to achieve full economic, social, and civil equality.

Students in need may apply for emergency aid by writing to the Association at 95 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10016. Letters of application must specify the student's tribal affiliation, subject of study, year in school, social security number, outlined budget of expenditures, and grant amount requested. Applicants must also provide the name, address, and telephone number of their college financial aid officer.

### Census Data Shows One Third of Indians Under Fifteen Years

Statistics based on the 1980 U.S. Census show that the Indian population is younger than the rest of the nation. According to the 1980 census figures, twenty three percent of the Indians were younger than 15 years as compared to 23 percent of the U.S. all races.

Census Bureau figures also show that between 1978-1980, the birth rate of Indians was 30.2 (rate per 1,000 population), which is about twice the 1979 rate of 15.9 for U.S. all races.

The infant mortality rate among Indians dropped from 62.7 (rate per 1,000 live births) in 1954-56 to 14.6 in 1978-80. This rate is still higher than the U.S. all races, which is 31.1.

The leading cause of death for both Indians (1978-80) and the U.S. all races (1979 findings) was 'diseases of the heart'. However, for the U.S. all races, it was about 38.3 percent of the cause of death for Indians was accidents; for U.S. all races it was malignant neoplasms (cancer).

According to the 1980 census, the following causes of death were higher for Indians than for U.S. all races: 1) Tuberculosis - 500 percent greater; 2) Alcoholism - 451 percent greater; 3) Accidents - 154 percent greater; 4) Diabetes - 124 percent greater; 5) Homicide - 68 percent greater; and 6) Pneumonia and influenza - 64 percent greater.



### Economics Commission Submitt Findings

The Presidential Commission on Indian Reservation Economies has scheduled briefing sessions in five cities, beginning December 5, to discuss its findings and recommendations submitted to the White House on November 30.

The first briefing was held December 5 at Nashville, Tennessee in conjunction with a meeting of the United Southwestern Tribes. Other meetings are scheduled for St. Paul, Minnesota, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Seattle, Washington; and Scottsdale, Arizona. Copies of the commission report will be distributed at these meetings. For additional information, contact the commission office at 1717 H. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

### Indian Fashion Show...



ANITA TECUMSEH, CN COMMUNICATIONS DEPT. SECRETARY, models Indian designs from the Fife Collection during Okmulgee's Christmas celebration at the Collection during a fashion show at the Council House in Okmulgee.



WILLIE ALFORD, A NATIVE OF WELEETKA, OK., right, the son of the late Helen Barnett, grandson of the late Chilie Barnett, and great grandson of the late Dick Barnett, who was the pastor of the old Alabama Creek church in Weleetka, 1918-1924, is shown with PRCA announcer Mike Hampton during the 12th Annual Sunflower Round-Up Club Rodeo at Wichita, Kansas. More than 250 senior citizens of the Wichita area were among those cheering the performers. Thanks to Willie (described by friends as the man with the million-dollar smile) most of these guests arrived in six loaded buses. Others receiving special invitations included orphans and handicapped pupils from the Phyllis Wheatley Home, Starkey School and the Institute of Logopedics. Willie insists that rodeos provide enjoyment to both performers and spectators. He adheres to the philosophy in his endeavors as a consultant from KFDI Radio and Peach Capitol Annual Rodeos.

### CN Elderly Thanksgiving Dinner...



THE REV. SOLOMON BULLIT, pastor of the Little Cussetah Indian Baptist Church of Sapulpa, was the Guest Speaker at the Elderly Nutrition Annual Thanksgiving Dinner held November 20, at the Elderly Nutrition dining room at the Main Complex.

### Indian Business Conference Feb. 7-8

The National Council for Indian Business has announced it will host an Indian Business Development Conference February 7 and 8, 1985 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Conference, which is sponsored by the Englewood, Colorado based firm, is expected to draw 300 to 500 Indian and Alaska Native business people, tribal leaders, and administrators from throughout the United States and Canada.

There are presently five intensive workshops scheduled for the two day event. Tentative topics include: Gaming in Indian Country, Federal Procurement Opportunities, Industrial Revenue Bonds, Investment Opportunities, and Raising Capital.

The National Council for Indian Business is seeking nominations for the Indian Businessperson of the Year. The award, which will be presented during the Council's 1985 Indian Business Development Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, recognizes the achievements of an individual Indian or Alaska Native businessperson.

In order for an individual to be considered, his/her nomination must be received by the Council on or before January 11, 1985. Official nominating forms may be obtained by writing: Executive Committee, National Council for Indian Business, 300 Lawyers Professional Building, 5655 South Yosemite, Englewood, Colorado, 80111.



# CN Higher Education Program Implements Change

By Dan D. Burgess, Scholarship Officer

A lot of things have been happening in the Higher Education Office this Fall that are on a very positive note and will bring us into the new year with a renewal optimism for the future.

After an August meeting I called on Oklahoma Higher Education Officers, personnel from the area offices and Don Standing Elk of the Washington Higher Education office, there have been two meetings to form an organization for those personnel who administer their tribes Higher Education program. A meeting in Concho, December 14, 1984 will probably finalize the organizations constitution and by-laws.

This organization was formed in an effort to give some uniformity to the B.I.A. grant programs across the state, and to meet changes in financial aid policies and to forestall criticism of tribally administered grant programs.

Also, this office is implementing program changes in the criteria for the FY '85 Higher Education program. These changes will also keep us in line with what is needed to limit funding to ten (10) semesters, as many agencies and schools are now doing.

The following are in effect for the FY-85 school year starting with the Spring 1985 term.

(1) A student on a grant must pass fifteen (15) credit hours per semester with a minimum 2.0 grade point

average.

(2) A suspended student will not be considered for reinstatement to the program until they have financed themselves and passed twelve (12) credit hours with a grade point average of 2.0 for that semester.

(3) The maximum amount of funding per semester that a student may receive from the Creek Nation B.I.A. Grant program will be \$1,500 for single students and \$2,500 for married or head of household students.

Also, remember that a student may only receive B.I.A. funding for ten (10) semesters as an undergraduate.

The new Tribal Higher Education program that began with the fall semester, has again been funded for the 1985 fiscal year, with some changes in the guidelines and funding.

The program will again fund up to \$2,000 per academic year for actual costs of tuition, fees, and books. Supplies have been dropped from

awards made after October 1, 1984. The student has to show proof to the college official (financial aid office or business office) who will certify that the costs are correct.

A new factor that will reduce the number of students funded is that \$50,000 of the Higher Education Tribal

Judgement funds has been set aside for use as tuition, fees, and books for vocational school and their course of study will include core classes that will transfer to a college or university. The courses must also lead to an associate degree or certification. This will exclude areas such as welding, pool grooming, truck driving and other like courses.

In the coming year, there will also be set-up another new program that will help those desiring an educational loan and those of exceptional ability. This will not be operational until later in the year.

In case there is someone that has not heard, the Higher Education program came through an audit by the Inspector General's office with flying colors. Good documentation in all areas of a program is necessary for such an accomplishment. Thanks again to the Higher Education staff for a job well done.

With an added work load for the new year, I ask that parents and students submit paper work in a time frame that will allow our staff to serve them in a timely manner.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 

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## Letter to the Creeks:

### From Evangelist Ernest Best

"Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel" Isaiah 7:14.

From eternity past, God has been working out His plan for the ages. The prophets of old pointed forward to the coming Messiah. We point back, with rejoicing, to the cross of Calvary and look forward to our soon coming Lord. God is still on the throne! His plans are still being carried out! What a blessed privilege to be given the honor of having a small part in those plans. Praise His Holy Name!

We haven't sent a newsletter since October. We came back to the states in October, and since that time, we have been in meetings. The Lord has been very gracious. We are limited by space from sharing things with you fully.

Early this year, a young Shoshone woman, originally from Nevada, now of the Sarcee Reserve, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, came to a revival meeting we had in Nevada and accepted the Lord. She asked if we would come to Calgary. We would if she could get approval of the tribal government and secure a place for a meeting. There is no evangelical church on the reserve and Indian religion is very strong. With the Lord's help she obtained permission for the meeting from the tribal council and the use of the Anglican Church. The church is on tribal land and had no alternative but to follow the ruling of the Canadian version of the Church of England. Many came and heard the gospel. The Lord dealt with people's lives. We praise God for Charlene Starlight, a new Christian in a foreign country, with a vision for reaching her husband's people, the Sarcee Indians, with the gospel. God is still working. Since then, her husband, Sidney, has accepted Christ. Continue to pray for them.

We had a good meeting in the Wichita, Kansas, Indian Baptist Church. There were many decisions for the Lord.

We then left our travel trailer home and flew out West. First, we went to the Jicarilla (pronounced Hick-aria) Apache Reservation, in northeastern New Mexico. Our first time among the Apaches, we quickly learned to love them. We saw many rededications and some came for salvation. One Navajo man, in his fifties, a family counselor for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, there on business came to the meeting because of an invitation. After service, he talked with me until midnight. He considered himself a Christian, because he had been a member of a church since childhood. But, he said to me, "If I understand you correctly, and what you say is true, then I am on my way to hell." Also, "I've known that in my counseling, I have no real answers for peoples' problems." He came the next night and accepted Christ.

We spent the next week in San Francisco Indian Baptist, and the following week in Oakland American Indian Baptist Church. We had a wonderful time in both of them. We saw many rededications, some real victories, and some came for salvation. We always leave part of ourselves out there. We have some precious Christian "family" there. A group from the Schurz, Nevada, church also came to be with us in the meeting there, which we really appreciated. Only in heaven will we have enough time to fellowship with those we love.

Please pray for the "bay area". There are tens of thousands of Indians there, with only two small churches trying to reach them for Christ.

Last week, we were at Pawnee, Ok., and what a tremendous week it was! The Lord gave some truly great victories. One young adult man took all his rock music (a garbage bag full) and burned them. He is also getting rid of his cable TV. There were many moves each night, and 20 people, mostly adult, came forward Sunday morning. There were two adults saved.

It has been two great months. Our hearts are full. We are praising God.

We wish you happy and safe holidays. May our God bless you and draw you close to Himself during this time when we celebrate the birth of His Son, our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Your missionaries to the  
North American Indians,  
Bro. Ernest & Bennie Best



SAM HOLMAN, INDIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR, proudly wearing the vest that was made for him, is shown with (left to right) Coleen Harjo, Senior, Chanenna Davis, Vocational Home Economics Instructor, and Bernice Harjo, Junior.

## Hanna Indian Students Display Clothing at Expo

In Norman, O.U. Campus, at the 6th Annual Indian Education Exposition, on December 4th and 5th, Hanna High School Indian Students had on display ribbon shirts and ceremonial vests they had made in Vocational Home Economics clothing class. The girls entering in the exhibit were Coleen Harjo, Bernice Harjo, Lisa Billy, and Belinda Wacoche. Parents helping with the projects were Lena Tiger and Janetta Harjo. Making the trip, decorating, and setting up the exhibit booth were Coleen Harjo, Belinda Wacoche and Bernice Harjo. Accompanied by Chanenna Davis, Voc. Home Economics Teacher, Lillie Yargee, Teacher Aide and Lena Tiger, parent.

The girls received several compliments and were invited to display again next year. During one of the student recognition session, one of the vests was presented to Sam Homan, the Director of Indian Education. The Exposition was sponsored by the Indian Education Section of the State Department of Education and the American Indian Institute of Oklahoma University.



## OBITUARIES

### LUCILLE GRIMES

Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Lucille Grimes, 82, are pending and will be announced by Cantrell Funeral Home. Mrs. Grimes, Rt. One, Henryetta, died December 6 at the Henryetta Medical Center.

She was born September 6, 1902, near Preston. She had been a resident of Henryetta for over 52 years and was a member of the First Indian Baptist Church. She was a member of the Muskogee, Wichita Baptist Association.

Survivors include her husband, Herman Grimes of the home, two sons, Ricky Don Grimes, Okmulgee, and June Kent Grimes, Calvin, one daughter, Helen Cavdill, Fort Ord, California, one brother, Albert Shake, Jr., of California, one sister Elizabeth Harjo, Okmulgee, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

### ANDERSON BERRYHILL JR.

Funeral services were held December 13, for Anderson Berryhill Jr. at the Big Cussetah United Methodist Church. Rev. Jess Sullivan and Rev. Eugene Sunny officiated the service.

Interment was in the Veterans Circle at the Okmulgee Cemetery.

Mr. Berryhill died December 10 in Midwest City, Ok. where he was a resident. He was born September 15, 1924 in Okmulgee and was a Marble Mason. He was a member of the Marble Union 15 in Midwest City.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Cora Sue Berryhill of the home in Midwest City, two sons, Anderson Berryhill III, and Gino Berryhill, Midwest City, one brother, Ernest Berryhill, Sulphur, three sisters, Edna Harjo, Henryetta, Frances Harrison, Oklahoma City and Billie Soontay, Dallas, Tx.

## Mason School News

The following Mason Public School Indian students were on the first nine weeks Superintendent's and Principal's Honor Roll; Superintendent's Honor Roll for Seniors - Bruce Douglas and Charlie Hicks; Fifth Grade - Jim Deaton, Fourth Grade - Amanda Luster; Third Grade - Chad Smith and Tina Hicks.

Principal's Honor Roll; Third Grade - Chester and Christy Smith, Juniors - Tammy Alberts and Billy Cooper; Sophomores - Jason Smith and Jennifer Sullivan; Freshman - Randall Hicks and Terri Hicks; Eighth Grade - Thomasina Billie; Seventh Grade - Cheryl Cooper; Sixth Grade - Brookie Flixco, Michelle Luster, Michelle Hardin, Royce Grammar; Fifth Grade - Carol Bear; Fourth Grade - Amon Tiger, Keith Lindsey, Robby Flixco; Second Grade - Regina Morgan, Melanie Franklin, Mecca Deere; First Grade - Alisa Douglas.

Mason JOM Parent Committee were elected as follows; Chairperson-Johnnie Hicks, Vice-Chairperson-Simmer Hicks, Secretary-Darin Hicks, Members, Agnes Hicks and Mary Tiger; JOM teacher's aide - Mrs. Terri Pierce, Title IV Tutorial Aide-Mrs. Irene Cully and Mrs. Janelle Sullivan; Home School Aide- Mrs. Geneva Douglas, who covers Mason, Bearden and Okemah Schools.

## Weleetka Indian Community News

By Ethel Torres

The Oklahoma Chapter of Haskell Indian Jr. College Alumni held their Annual Reunion at the Holiday Inn at Shawnee November 9-10 with some coming from out-of-state.

Calvin Byrd attended from Batavia, Ill. There were 340 alumni registered. There were 390 signed up for the alumni and staff Banquet on Friday night at Holiday Inn. The Homecoming parade was held on Saturday morning down the streets of Lawrence with 81 units entered of which 51 were beautiful floats.

One trophy was returned to Creek Nation. The afternoon football game with the highly rated Highland Kansas Jr. College team with Highland winning.

Dale King, son of Bill and Juanita King, Henryetta, played a superior game of football.

At halftime, Carrie Peters, an Otoe Indian from Oklahoma was crowned Homecoming Queen. Following the game, Haskell Alumni held a benefit Bar B Que with a possible 500 attending at Broken Arrow Park.

About 30-40 attended Gospel singing at the Lawrence Indian Methodist church, pastored by Mr. and Mrs. Ray McGilbray.

The Homecoming Dance was held at Stidham Union with the Haskell band playing. The Alumni dance was held at Knights of Columbus Hall and well attended.

On Sunday the Haskell Indian Baptist Mission on campus had a full house, most from Oklahoma. Cloyd and Claudette Harjo of Eufaula pastor this with assistance of Robert and Barbara Coachman Berryhill of Wetumka.

The Alumni Open Golf Tournament was held at the lake Shawnee Golf Course in Topeka, Kansas with 30-40 entered in the competition.

Sue Pepper of Creek Nation Hospital at Okemah won a trophy in the Women's Round.

For those of you who haven't been back for years, the Haskell campus looked wonderful, and Lawrence was beautiful. Many events are still to be held celebrating the school's centennial year.

### Debo Writes About Creeks!

Angie Debo's story of the liquidation of the Five Civilized Tribes in Oklahoma is available in paperback from the University of Oklahoma Press.

"And Still the Waters Run: The Betrayal of the Five Civilized Tribes" reveals the corruption Debo discovered in social, governmental and religious organizations in Oklahoma during early statehood.

The author is called the first lady of Oklahoma history and is recognized nationally for the scholarship and integrity that marks her writings. She tells her tale in the sober, factual, carefully documented style of an academic historian.

Debo received a doctorate in history from OU. Her books include "A History of the United States," "The Rise and Fall of the Choctaw Republic," "The Road to Disappearance: A History of the Creek Indians," and "Geronimo: The Man, His Time, His Place," all published by the OU Press.

## September Council Special Meeting...

**INVOCATION:** Helen Chupco. **CALL TO ORDER:** Carney Roberts, Speaker. **ROLL CALL:** Sixteen members were present, one absent - Irene Cleghorn. A quorum was declared with sixteen members present, and all business transacted during this session shall be considered valid and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS:** 9A A Bill - Appropriating the Tribal Budget for FY 85. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The Tribal Budget for fiscal year 1985, has been properly prepared by the Principal Chief and duly considered by the National Council, and is hereby authorized and appropriated as follows: A. Tribal Government 1. Executive Branch - Sub Total \$136,151. (b) Office of the Justice - Sub total \$49,768. (c) Citizenship Board - Sub total \$45,519. (d) Election Board - Sub total \$91,274. (e) Office of the Gaming Commissioner - Sub total \$279,797. 2. National Council - Sub total \$240,504. 3. Judicial System - Sub total Tribal Government \$850,063. 1. Tribal Programs - \$197,475. 2. Programs established by Ordinance to promote the health, safety, welfare, rights, and other needs of the Muscogee (Creek) people. 2. Community Developments - 197,475 - Projects which finance the construction of public use facilities for Muscogee (Creek) Indian Communities, churches, and ceremonial grounds through guidelines established by Ordinance. 3. Capital Acquisitions - 296,212 - Purchase of land, purchase of equipment, and construction of facilities, for economic development projects, authorized by Ordinance. 4. Cultural Education - 78,990; Museum Planning - 19,747. Research, training and instruction for Muscogee (Creek) Nation on traditional culture, arts, tribal history, tribal languages and planning of a museum, to include a library, as provided by Ordinance. 5. Social Welfare - 349,949. (1) 33% of annual amount for Emergency Funds for eligible Muscogee (Creek) Indian according to guidelines established by Ordinance; 2. 67% of annual amount for Social Welfare Financial Assistance for Muscogee (Creek) Indians who are fifty years of age or older, according to guidelines established by Ordinance. 6. Higher Education - 197,745. Scholarships to colleges and universities for Muscogee (Creek) Indians according to guidelines established by Ordinance. 7. Education - Scholarship Assistance - 189,507; 8. Economic Development - 94,765; 9. Welfare & Tribal Burial - 5,467; 10. Attorney Fees and Expense - 30,815; 11. Programs Development - 3,147; 12. Consumer Loans - 265,279; 13. Capital Complex & Construction - 60; 14. Tribal Claims Development - 43,354; Total Tribal Budget \$2,833,280. **Section 103.** Total appropriations in this Ordinance may not be modified or changed except by Ordinance. However, the Principal Chief is authorized to modify line items within subtotals under "A" Tribal Government 1., Executive Branch, without further legislative action. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Stacy and seconded by Dunn to amend Section 103 by deleting the existing phrase and adding in its place the phrase "Total appropriations in this Ordinance may not be modified or changed except by Ordinance". Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eleven in favor, four against those being: Chupco, Beaver, Johnson and Bible, and no abstentions. Motion carried. The Chair entertained a motion for the approval of Bill 9A. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Johnson to approve Bill 9A as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: eleven in favor, two against and one abstention; those against: McIntosh and Fox; Chupco-abstain. Motion carried. **9A** A Bill Amending NCA 84-12. This item did not appear on the agenda, therefore the Chair entertained a motion to place this item on the agenda for consideration. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Hicks to place this item (9B) on the agenda for consideration. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The Bill was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** NCA 84-12 as amended at Section 101 (A) (2) (a) and (b) by adding or deleting the present language and substituting in its place the following: A. Add/Change line items in Section 101 (A) (2) (a) Per Diems/Committee Meetings and Extra Ordinary Sessions - \$13,668; Payroll Taxes - 225; Telephone Reimbursement - 500; D. Delete from Section 101 (A) (2) (b) Legislative Administrator - 11,000; Fringe - 2,263; Stipend Parliamentarian - 800. **Section 102.** The secretary shall execute an original copy of NCA 84-12 as amended by this Ordinance and the Speaker and the Principal Chief shall sign the amended Ordinance. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained discussion. Discussion having been held, the Chair entertained a motion. Motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Dunn to approve Bill "9B" as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. **ONE YEAR TERM:** Suzanne Willits having been confirmed shall serve a one year term, the term of office beginning with the approval of this ordinance and ending June 1, 1985. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Stacy to approve Bill 9C as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: ten in favor, five against, those being: McIntosh, Dunn, Barnett, Thomas and Cloud, and no abstentions. Motion carried. Bill 9C was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Discussion on Message of the Principal Chief returning NCA 84-43 (Bill 7F) to the National Council with Objections. A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Stacy to take from the table NCA 84-43 (Bill 7F) and place on the September 29, 1984 Agenda for the Regular Scheduled meeting of the National Council. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote taken with the results being: thirteen in favor, one against, that being: Chupco, no abstentions. Motion carried. 9C. A Bill Confirming the Principal Chiefs Nomination of enrolled Creek Citizens to serve as members of the Election Board of the Muscogee Nation. **Section 101.** Nominations and Confirmation. (Pursuant to NCA 84-82, Article II Section 201. The Principal Chiefs nominations of the following enrolled Creek citizens to serve as members of the Election Board are hereby confirmed: Juliene Stone, Okmulgee District; Martha Chalakee, Okmulgee District; Greg Bigpond, Creek District; Jonas Partridge, Creek District; Suzanna Willits, Tulsa District. **Section 102** Terms of Office (Pursuant to NCA 84-12, Article II Section 202) The terms of office shall be as follows: Five Year Term: Juliene Stone, having been confirmed shall serve a five year term with the effective date beginning with the approval of this ordinance and ending June 1, 1989. Four Year Term: Martha Chalakee having been confirmed shall serve a four year term of office beginning with the approval of this ordinance ending June 1, 1988. Three Year Term: Greg Bigpond having been confirmed shall serve a three year term with the effective date beginning with the approval of this ordinance, and ending June 1, 1987. Two Year Term: Jonas Partridge having been confirmed shall serve a term of two years, the term of office beginning with the approval of this ordinance and ending June 1, 1986. Motion carried. **Announcements:** The Speaker advised the district representatives of the date, time, and location of the Inter-Tribal Council meeting. A meeting date was set to hold a meeting on Trust Summary Funds with Dennis Springwater, for Monday, September 24, 1984 at 4:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers. The Secretary was advised to confirm this meeting with his office. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Dunson to adjourn and by a unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned. **Benediction:** Jonas Dunson



## September 1984 Council Minutes...

**INVOCATION:** Helen Chupco. **CALL TO ORDER:** Carney Roberts, Speaker. **ROLL CALL:** Fifteen members were present, a quorum was declared and all business transacted during this session would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. Representatives, Alexander Thomas and Irene Cleghorn were absent from this meeting. **Reading of Minutes:** June 4, 1984 Special Called Meeting. (The minutes were mailed prior to this meeting). The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Hicks to approve the minutes as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried, minutes were approved and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. July 25, 1984 Regular Scheduled Meeting. (minutes were mailed prior to meeting). The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Burden to approve the minutes as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried, the minutes were approved and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. August 25, 1984 Regular Scheduled Meeting. (minutes mailed prior to meeting) The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Dunn to approve the minutes as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fourteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried, minutes were approved and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. September 12, 1984 Special Called Meeting. (minutes were mailed prior to the meeting). The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Hardridge and seconded by Burden to approve the minutes as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fourteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried, the minutes were approved as read and will be recorded as such.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 1. **NCA 84-49 APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A ONE TON TRUCK FROM THOMAS McINTOSH.** **SECTION 101.** The Principal Chief is authorized to purchase a one-ton 1983 Chevrolet truck from Thomas McIntosh. **Section 102.** An amount to be totaled \$9,700 is hereby authorized from previously appropriated funds from the FY 1984 Tribal Budget Capital Acquisition or Tribal Programs line items. The Bill having been read, the Chair advised that this Bill was approved by the National Council on the 25th day of August and was vetoed by the Principal Chief on September 25, 1984. The veto message was read, and legislative action taken as follows: **MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 84-49 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS.** Date of message September 7, 1984 addressed to Carney Roberts, Speaker, National Council, Muscogee (Creek) Nation. I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee Nation, hereby return NCA 84-49 entitled "Approving the purchase of a one-ton truck from Thomas McIntosh", to the National Council with objections as follows: **Objection One:** Purchase is an Executive Branch Function. In accordance with the Constitution, the authorization of purchases for the entire tribal government is an Executive Branch function. **Objection Two:** Sole Purchasing is not indicated in this case. Under certain circumstances, the purchasing policies of the tribal government allow sole source when, beyond a doubt, it is to the advantage of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. In vehicle purchases, nearly without exception, it is to the advantage of the Muscogee Nation to use the specifications and bidding process. **Recommendation:** It is the recommendation of this office that no further legislative action be taken in this matter. Therefore, NCA 84-49 is hereby returned unsigned as a veto in accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee Nation. Signed: s/Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, Muscogee Nation. The veto message having been read, the Chair entertained legislative action. Discussion was held with a recommendation of an override by Joe Fox; the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Cloud to over ride the veto of September 7, 1984 in regards to NCA 84-49. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eleven in favor, two against and one abstention. Chupco abstain; Dunson and Johnson voting no. Motion did not carry. Veto stands as read.

**NCA 84-50 AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROPRIATING THE TRIBAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 1985.** (The Bill was read). **Section 101.** The Tribal Budget for fiscal year 1985 has been properly prepared by the Principal Chief and duly considered by the National Council, and is hereby authorized and appropriated as follows:

A. **Tribal Government** 1. **Executive Branch - Office of the Principal Chief** - sub total \$135,151. b. **Office of the Justice** - sub total \$49,768. c. **Citizenship Board** - sub total - \$45,519. d. **Election Board** - sub total - \$91,274. e. **Office of the Gaming Commissioner** - sub total \$279,797. 2. **National Council** - sub total - \$240,504. 3. **Judicial System** - Sub Total Tribal Government - \$852,563. B. **Office of the Administration** 1. **Tribal Programs** - \$197,475 - Program established by Ordinance to promote the health, safety, welfare, Tribal Programs - \$197,475 - Programs established by Ordinance to promote the health, safety, welfare, rights and other needs of the Muscogee (Creek) people. 2. **Community Developments** - \$197,475 - Projects which finance the construction of public use facilities for Muscogee (Creek) Indian Communities, churches and ceremonial grounds through guidelines established by Ordinance. 3. **Capitol Acquisitions** - \$296,212 - Purchase land, purchase of equipment and construction of facilities, for economic development projects authorized by ordinance. 4. **Cultural Education** - 78,990 - **Museum Planning** - 19,747 - Research, training, and instruction for Muscogee (Creek) Nations on traditional culture, arts, tribal history, tribal languages, and planning of a museum, to include a library, as provided by ordinance. 5. **Social Welfare** - \$349,949 (1) 33% of annual amount for Emergency funds for eligible Muscogee (Creek) Indians according to guidelines established by Ordinance. (2) 67% of annual amount for Social Welfare Financial Assistance for Muscogee (Creek) Indians who are fifty years of age or older, according guidelines established by ordinance. 6. **Higher Education** - 197,475 - Scholarships to colleges and universities for Muscogee (Creek) Indians, according to guidelines established by Ordinance. 7. **Education-Scholarship Assistance** - 189,507. 8. **Economic Development** - 4,765. 9. **Welfare & Tribal Burial** - 5,467. 10. **Attorney Fees and Expenses** - 30,815. 11. **Program Development** - 3,147. 12. **Consumer Loans** - 265,279. 13. **Capital Complex & Construction** - 6,000. 14. **Tribal Claims Development** - 43,354. **TOTAL TRIBAL BUDGET** - \$2,822,280. **Section 103.** Total appropriations in this ordinance may not be modified or changed except by Ordinance. However, the Principal Chief is authorized to modify line items within subtotals under "A" Tribal government, (1) "Executive branch", without further legislative action. **Section 104.** Appropriations are effective October 1, 1984 through September 1985. The Compromise Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for action. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Dunson to approve the Compromise Bill as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, eight against and non abstentions, those voting against were: McIntosh, Burden, Bible, Dunn, Cloud, Barnett, Fox and Stacy. Motion Did Not Carry. The Compromise Bill did not pass. **THE CHAIR ADVISED THAT THERE WERE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION, AND SINCE THE TRIBAL BUDGET WAS NOT APPROVED IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO PLACE ANY OTHER BILLS ON THE AGENDA THAT RELATED TO THE TRIBAL BUDGET.** **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:** (A) **BILL 9-E** A Bill "Amending Tribal Ordinance NCA 84-39 to Enlarge the Dimensions of Drainage Ditch Easement". The Bill was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** Whereas, the dimensions to the drainage ditch stated in Section 105 of NCA 84-39 were not sufficient to meet the purpose of proper drainage in that a wider ditch is required; **Section 102.** The width dimension stated in Section 105 of NCA 84-39 is hereby amended to read not to exceed two hundred feet (200') and the depth limitation in Section 105 NCA 84-39 is hereby deleted. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion to place this item on the agenda for consideration. A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Dunn to add 9E to the agenda for consideration. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: thirteen in favor, one abstention and none against, Johnson abstaining. Motion carried. The Bill (9-E) will be placed on the Agenda for consideration. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion to approve the Bill as read. A motion was made by Dunn and seconded by Cloud to approve the Bill (9-E) as read. Upon a motion duly and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in favor, one abstention and none against. Johnson abstaining. Motion carried Bill (9-E) was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, ETC.** Planning Session October 11, 1984, 6:30 p.m., In the Council Chambers. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Dunn to adjourn and by a unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned.

exists for the National Council to contract services. In the case of attorney services, the only legal and constitutional requirements are that the Legislative Branch authorized the Principal Chief to negotiate and execute an attorney contract and that the contract must be approved by the Department of Interior. **Objection Two:** An additional Attorney within the Office of the Justice would benefit all departments of government. It is general characteristic of most forms of government to establish a central legal authority to provide services to the entire governmental body. In the cases of federal and state governments, the Office of the Attorney General within the Executive Branch serves this function. The corresponding unit within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is the Office of the Justice. Therefore, the most proper, efficient, and effective course of action is to increase the staff of the Office of the Justice in order to enable the department to render timely opinions to all elements of tribal government. **Objection Three:** The Creation of Subordinate Offices and Staff within the Legislative Branch is in violation of the Muscogee (Creek) Constitution. NCA 84-50 proposes the establishment of a Legislative Administrator and Clerk-Typist positions within the Legislative Branch. Under Article V of the Constitution, the Principal Chief was required to create and organize the Executive Branch to administer the entire operations of tribal government. This constitutional requirement organization continues to receive national attention. In contrast to Article V of the Constitution, Article VI allows but one position for the legislative Branch and does not authorize the creation of subordinate offices. The only position allowed by the Constitution is that of the Secretary whose compensation is established by ordinance. **Recommendation:** Since NCA 84-50, as written contains constitutional violations and other systems problems, this office has prepared a "compromised bill" which will effectively meet the needs of the tribal government and citizens. The attached Bill provides for increased legal services; assistance to the Legislative Branch in the form of a Legislative Coordinator and Legislative Clerk detailed through the Office of the Principal Chief; additional funding for supplies and travel within the Election Board and Citizenship Board; and corrects a typographical error in the amount of funding available for "Social Welfare". It is recommended that the National Council approve the attached "Compromise Bill". Therefore, NCA 84-50 is hereby returned unsigned as a Veto in accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. /s/ Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, Muscogee Nation 9/17/84. The Ordinance and Veto message having been read the Chair entertained action from the Council acting as a committee of the whole. A motion was made by Stacy and seconded by Dunn to amend Section 103 by deleting the last sentence, "However, the Principal Chief is authorized to modify line items within subtotals under "A: Tribal Government" 1, "Executive Branch", without further legislation". Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried, the amendment was approved as read and will be recorded as such. **THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO TAKE ACTION ON THE VETO MESSAGE.** A motion was made by Burden and seconded by Fox to override the "Veto". Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Ten against, four in favor, no abstentions. Those against were: Chupco, Beaver, Johnson and Bible, and no abstentions. Motion carried, the amendment was approved as read and will be recorded as such. **THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO TAKE ACTION ON THE VETO MESSAGE.** A motion was made by Burden and seconded by Fox to override the "Veto". Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Ten against, four in favor, no abstentions. Those against were: Chupco, Beaver, Dunn, Cloud, Bible, Dunson, Johnson, Hicks, and Stacy. Motion did not carry, the veto message stands. The Chair entertained a motion to place the "Compromise Bill" on the Agenda: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Dunson to place the Compromise Bill on the agenda for consideration. Upon a motion duly and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nine in favor, five against and no abstentions, those voting no were: Fox, McIntosh, Burden, Stacy, Hardridge and Cloud. Motion carried, the Compromise Bill will be placed on the agenda for consideration. Compromise Bill entitled Appropriating the Tribal Budget for Fiscal Year 1985 was read and considered as follows: **Section 101** The Tribal Budget for fiscal year 1985 has been properly prepared by the Principal Chief and duly considered by the National Council, and is hereby authorized and appropriated as follows: A. **Tribal Government** 1. **Executive Branch** (a) **Office of the Principal Chief** - \$181,651. (b) **Office of the Justice** - 77,829. (c) **Citizenship Board** - 45,859. (d) **Election Board** - 91,174. (e) **Office of the Gaming Commissioner** - 279,797. 2. **National Council** - 178,004. 3. **Judicial System** - 9,550. **Sub total Tribal Government** - 864,864. B. **Office of the Administration** - 1. **Tribal Programs** - 197,475. 2. **Community Development** - 197,475. 3. **Capitol Acquisitions** - 296,212. 4. **Cultural Education** - 78,990. **Museum Planning** - 19,747. 5. **Social Welfare** - 349,949. 6. **Higher Education** - 197,475. 7. **Education-Scholarship Assistance** - 189,507. 8. **Economic Development** - 4,765. 9. **Welfare & Tribal Burial** - 5,467. 10. **Attorney Fees and Expenses** - 30,815. 11. **Program Development** - 3,147. 12. **Consumer Loans** - 265,279. 13. **Capital Complex & Construction** - 60. 14. **Tribal Claims Development** - 43,354. **TOTAL TRIBAL BUDGET** - \$2,879,581. **Section 103.** Total appropriations in this Ordinance may not be modified or changed except by Ordinance. 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